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OF THE

## SELECTMEN

AND OTHER

## TOWN OFFICERS

OF

## CHARLESTOWN

## NEW HAMPSHIRE

For the year ending December 31, 1954

AND OF THE

## SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS

For the year ending June 30, 1954



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CHARLESTOWN, N. H.



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Bring Your Town Report to Town Meeting, Tuesday,  
March 8, 1955

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## TOWN OFFICERS - 1954

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Walter H. Palmer, appointed by Supervisors .....	Moderator
Cecil Fisk, elected November 1954 .....	Moderator
William S. Fairbanks .....	Town Clerk
William Miller .....	Treasurer
Alice E. Adams, term expires 1955 .....	Selectman
Walter H. Palmer, term expires 1956 .....	Selectman
J. Frank Frohock, term expires 1957 .....	Selectman
Oscar F. Adams .....	Overseer of Poor
John W. Morris .....	Road Agent
Walter G. Smith, Jr. ....	Tax Collector
Alta G. Currier .....	Auditor
Charles F. Elliott .....	Auditor
Romaine Bacon .....	Auditor
Ralph A. Willoughby .....	Chief of Police
E. Peckham Barber .....	Health Officer
David V. Cahalane, term expires 1955 .....	Water Commissioner
Robert Barber, resigned 1955 .....	Water Commissioner
Rolfe L. Jacobs, term expires 1956 .....	Water Commissioner
M. Loraine Child .....	Supervisor
Lora L. Spooner .....	Supervisor
Edna A. Farrell .....	Supervisor
Dana E. Olden, term expires 1955 .....	School Board
Montford H. Sayce, term expires 1956 .....	School Board
Pearl L. Farman, term expires 1957 .....	School Board
Ralph H. Meacham .....	Supt. of Schools
Lovell E. Comstock, term expires 1955 .....	Trustee Trust Funds
Gladys L. Adams, term expires 1956 .....	Trustee Trust Funds
Fred H. Perry, term expires 1957 .....	Trustee Trust Funds
Archibald H. Sayce, term expires 1955 .....	Library Trustee
Isabel T. Palmer, term expires 1955 .....	Library Trustee
Martha MacD. Frizzell, term expires 1956 .....	Library Trustee
E. Peckham Barber, term expires 1956 .....	Library Trustee
Lou I. MacKenzie, term expires 1957 .....	Library Trustee
Christian A. Rist, term expires 1957 .....	Library Trustee
Richard H. Perry .....	Justice Municipal Court
Charles A. Smith .....	Asst. Justice Municipal Court
D. Howard Stearns .....	Chief Fire Department

## TOWN WARRANT - 1954

### State of New Hampshire

To the inhabitants of the Town of Charlestown, in the County of Sullivan, in said State, qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Charlestown on Tuesday the ninth (9th) day of March next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following subjects:

Article 1. To choose the necessary town officers for their respective terms.

#### Tabulation of Voting

Total ballots cast, 195. Republican, 120; Democrat, 20; split 54; blank 1.

Town Clerk—William S. Fairbanks	188
Selectman, 3 years—J. Frank Frohock	179
Treasurer—William Miller	185
Overseer of Poor—Oscar F. Adams	186
Tax Collector—Walter G. Smith, Jr.	184
Chief Engineer—D. Howard Stearns	184
Water Commissioner, 2 years—Rolfe L. Jacobs	178
Water Commissioner, 3 years—Robert A. Barber	156
Auditors—Romaine F. Bacon	176
Alta G. Currier	179
Charles F. Elliott	179
Library Trustees, 3 years—Lou I. MacKenzie	177
Christian A. Rist	175
Trustee of Trust Funds, 3 years—Fred H. Perry	179

Article 2. To consider the budget. To raise such sums of money as may be deemed necessary for the maintenance of the poor, laying out and repairing highways, building and repairing bridges, street lighting, and for the necessary charges arising within the town.

#### Current Maintenance Expenses

	Approps. Previous Year 1953	Actual Exp'tures Previous Year 1953	Estimated Exp'tures Ensuing Year 1954
General Government:			
Town officers' salaries	\$ 3,425.00	\$ 3,477.00	\$ 3,500.00
Town officers' expenses	1,500.00	1,962.02	1,550.00
Election and registration exp.	500.00	329.75	650.00
Municipal court expenses	350.00	300.00	350.00
Expenses town hall and other town buildings	3,000.00	2,786.86	3,100.00
Protection of Persons and Property:			
Police department	2,300.00	2,292.89	2,300.00

Fire department	3,200.00	3,989.18	3,500.00
Moth exterm., blister rust and care of trees	1,400.00	1,490.68	2,000.00
Health:			
Health dept., incl. hospitals	100.00	54.10	100.00
Vital statistics	125.00	74.50	100.00
Town dump	400.00	301.52	600.00
Highways and Bridges:			
Town maintenance, summer and winter	20,780.00	27,923.75	25,000.00
Street lighting	3,000.00	2,788.86	3,000.00
Gen. exp. of hwy. dept.	4,500.00	6,000.00	4,500.00
Town road aid	786.20	786.20	798.54
Libraries:	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,200.00
Public Welfare:			
Town poor	4,000.00	3,812.10	4,000.00
Old age assistance	4,700.00	3,738.09	4,500.00
Patriotic Purposes:			
Memorial Day	100.00	98.49	100.00
Old Home Day	100.00		100.00
Recreation:			
Parks and playground	1,000.00	688.60	1,000.00
Public Service Enterprises:			
Cemeteries	1,700.00	1,750.91	1,700.00
Town clock	150.00	104.50	125.00
Town history	200.00		
Unclassified:			
Damages and legal expenses, including dog damage	300.00	224.72	300.00
Advertising and regional assoc.	50.00	100.00	50.00
Interest:			
On temporary loans	600.00	645.00	650.00
On long term notes and bonds	270.00	266.41	180.00
Highways and Equipment:			
New equipment			3,500.00
Payment on Principal of Debt:			
Long term notes	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,500.00
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:			
County taxes	12,396.36	12,396.36	12,400.00
School taxes	97,800.04	97,386.71	116,424.61
Total Expenditures	\$174,732.60	\$181,769.20	\$202,778.15

Resolved, to adopt the budget as recommended by the Finance Committee, with the exception of schools and other fixed items.



Article 3. To see if the town will vote to allow the selectmen to deliver the inventory blanks at the time of taking inventory.

Resolved, to adopt the article.

Article 4. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to borrow on notes on the credit of the town, such sums of money as may be necessary to meet current expenses in anticipation of taxes.

Resolved, unanimously, to adopt the article.

Article 5. To see what action the town will take in respect to appointing three members of the finance committee for the ensuing three years.

Resolved, that the following be elected as members of the finance committee for three years.

Rolfe L. Jacobs   Cecil Fisk   Walter Piletz

Article 6. To see if the town will vote to accept all trust funds received for perpetual care of lots in the cemeteries.

Resolved, that the article be adopted amended as follows: "That the town will accept all trust funds of \$100.00 or more to receive perpetual care of lots in the cemeteries."

Article 7. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to borrow a sum of money not to exceed \$2,300.00 for the use of the water department to pay outstanding liabilities incurred by new developments and replacing old portions of the system, the above to be repaid out of earnings at the rate of \$250.00 per year, plus interest, beginning 1955. (Requested by the Water Commission).

Resolved, unanimously to adopt the article.

Article 8. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$1,200.00 for the purpose of making a survey and bringing up to date such maps as are in existence, showing the water distribution system and the sewerage collection system. (Requested by the Water Commission).

Resolved, to adopt the article.

Article 9. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$1,000.00 for the development of the new cemetery. (Requested by the Improvement Committee).

Resolved, to adopt the article with the amendment that \$500.00 be appropriated instead of \$1,000.00.

Article 10. To see if the town will vote to buy a lot of land now owned by Julian Harvey, adjacent to the road now leading into Snunshire Cemetery lot, for the purpose of straightening the road, provided that the lot now occupied by the road can be sold for enough to cover the cost of the new lot. (By request).



Resolved, to accept the following amendment in place of the original article. "The intent of this article is to straighten the road leading into Snumshire Cemetery, therefore I make the motion that the town accept the piece of land which Lovell and Charlene Comstock will give to the town without charge, for the purpose of straightening said road."

Article 11. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to borrow a sum of money not to exceed \$2,000.00 to be used to control gypsy moths if a serious infestation develops. This money will be borrowed and control work undertaken only if a majority of the Selectmen and Finance Committee members decide that it is necessary.

Resolved, to adopt the article.

Article 12. To see if the town will vote to install a street light on Marcy Avenue, between Springfield Road and Walter Sherman, and appropriate money for this purpose. (By request).

Resolved, to adopt the article.

Article 13. To see if the town will vote to install a street light near the residence of Frank Horton, and appropriate money for this purpose. (By request).

Resolved, to adopt the article.

Article 14. To see if the town will vote to install a street light near the residence of Arthur Moore, and appropriate money for this purpose. (By request).

Resolved, to dismiss the article by a 30 to 22 vote.

Article 15. To see if the town will vote to install a street light on School Street at the entrance of Arbor Way and appropriate money for this purpose. (By request).

Resolved, that the selectmen ask the Light Company to have the street light which is located at School Street half way between Main Street and Arbor Way moved to a point near the entrance to Arbor Way.

Article 16. To see if the town is in favor of major improvements being made to the Town Swimming Pool, these improvements to be made under the supervision of the selectmen and at no cost to the town.

Resolved, to adopt the article.

Article 17. To see if the town will instruct the Town Development Committee to make a study of the suggestion of the Town Managers Committee in its report to the 1952 Town Meeting that "at some future time" the voters seriously consider electing one person to serve as tax, water and sewer collector, town clerk, and assistant to the selectmen, and offer specific recommendations to the next annual meeting.

Resolved, to adopt the article.

Article 18. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

John T. Lyon was reappointed as a member of the Road Committee.

Cedric Lumbr, Rolfe Jacobs, and Noyes Stickney were appointed as members of the Town Improvement Committee.

Motion made and voted that the Cummings Avenue Swamp Committee and Selectmen continue efforts to better swamp conditions.

Resolved, to accept the following recommendations of the Highway Advisory Committee:

1. That a suitable railing be placed along the highway by Farwell Mill.

2. That, when trading trucks, the dump body on the old truck be transferred to the new cab and chassis.

3. That weed killers be used to keep down brush along highways.

4. That the use of town equipment for doing private jobs, such as graveling driveways, etc. be kept to a minimum. Also that, in using the town mower, first consideration be given to trimming the town highways, rather than renting it to the state to be worn out.

5. That, when a man must be replaced in the Highway Department, consideration be given to securing a person who can act as maintenance man. His job will be to see that the equipment is properly serviced and refueled at such times as will result in a minimum of interference with their normal use. Also, it will be his responsibility to do repair work where specialized facilities are required. The balance of his time to be spent filling in, where needed, in the department. It is expected that such a man's rate of pay would be higher than average for the department but it is hoped that a greater efficiency in the department would result, and possibly some cash savings.

6. We further recommend that serious thought be given to reducing the number of full time men in the Highway Department. Previously it was felt that help must be given a full time job in order to have it available when needed. The situation seems to have changed so that we have reason to believe that capable help can be secured on fairly short notice at those seasons when the work demands it.

We believe that substantial savings to the taxpayer could result if this plan is wisely followed.

These recommendations are not intended as criticism of the Highway Department, which has shown marked improvement as compared to its operation of a few years ago, but, rather, these

recommendations are respectfully presented because we believe that they represent sound business principles.

Signed,

HORACE BASCOM, Chairman,  
Highway Advisory Committee

WILLIAM AHERN  
JAMES ADAMS  
CURTIS BLAINE

Ballots were counted and the meeting adjourned at 6.45 o'clock P. M.

A true copy, attest

WILLIAM S. FAIRBANKS  
Town Clerk

## SPECIAL TOWN WARRANT

### State of New Hampshire

To the inhabitants of the Town of Charlestown, in the County of Sullivan, in said State, qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet for a Special Town Meeting at the Town Hall said Charlestown on Saturday, the tenth (10th) of July next, at two o'clock in the afternoon, to act on the following subjects.

Article 1. To see if the town will vote to replace the highway bridge on the main highway, known as Route No. 12A, leading from South Charlestown to Alstead, and to authorize the Selectmen to borrow a sum of money not to exceed \$7,000.00 to replace said bridge; the money to be repaid at the rate of \$2,500.00, plus interest, in 1955 and 1956, and \$2,000.00, plus interest, in 1957.

Resolved to adopt the article by a ballot vote as follows:

Yes 22 No 4

Article 2. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

No new business was brought up.

The meeting was adjourned at 3.45 o'clock P. M.

A true copy, attest

WILLIAM S. FAIRBANKS  
Town Clerk

## TOWN WARRANT

### The State of New Hampshire

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To the inhabitants of the Town of Charlestown, in the County of Sullivan, in said State, qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Charlestown on Tuesday, the eighth (8th) day of March next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following subjects:

Article 1. To choose the necessary town officers for their respective terms.

Art. 2. To consider the budget. To raise such sums of money as may be deemed necessary for the maintenance of the poor, laying out and repairing highways, building and repairing bridges, street lighting and for the necessary charges arising within the town.

Art. 3. To see if the town will vote to allow the selectmen to deliver the inventory blanks at the time of taking inventory.

Art. 4. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to borrow on notes on the credit of the town, such sums of money as may be necessary to meet current expenses in anticipation of taxes.

Art. 5. To see what action the town will take in respect to appointing three members of the finance committee for the ensuing three years.

Art. 6. To see if the town will vote to accept all trust funds of \$100.00 or more for perpetual care of lots in the cemeteries.

Art. 7. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$800.00 to pay the Town's share of Social Security for its employees for the year 1955.

Art. 8. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to borrow up to the sum of \$3,000.00 for the purpose of installing adequate flashing red light warning signals at the North Charlestown Station crossing, under the following conditions:

1. That the State Public Utilities Commission decides that the Boston & Maine Railroad shall pay at least half of the installation cost.

2. That one half of the money borrowed plus interest be repaid in 1956, and the other half plus interest be repaid in 1957.

Art. 9. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to borrow up to the sum of \$3,000.00 for the purpose of installing adequate flashing red light warning signals at the Bowen Mill crossing, under the following conditions:

1. That the State Public Utilities Commission decides that the Boston & Maine Railroad shall pay at least half of the installation cost.

2. That one half of the money borrowed plus interest be repaid in 1956, and the other half plus interest be repaid in 1957.

Art. 10. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,500.00 for the purpose of having all taxable property in town appraised by the State Tax Commission. (By petition).

Art. 11. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to borrow a sum of money not to exceed \$2,000.00 for the use of the water department, to replace the 2 inch pipe with 6 inch cast iron pipe, from E. Paquette's residence in a westerly direction to the so-called River View Park, and install a hydrant at the westerly end, this money to be repaid out of earnings of the water department. (By request).

Art. 12. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this nineteenth (19th) day of February, in the year of our Lord 1955.

ALICE E. ADAMS  
WALTER H. PALMER  
J. FRANK FROHOCK  
Selectmen of Charlestown

A true copy of warrant — attest

ALICE E. ADAMS  
WALTER H. PALMER  
J. FRANK FROHOCK  
Selectmen of Charlestown

# BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN, N. H.

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the Ensuing Year  
January 1, 1955 to December 31, 1955

Compared with

Estimated and Actual Revenue, Appropriations and Expenditures  
of the Previous Year January 1, 1954 to December 31, 1954

Sources of Revenue	Estimated Revenue Previous Year 1954	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1954	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1955
From State:			
Interest and dividends tax	\$ 1,305.32	\$ 1,305.32	\$ 1,305.00
Railroad tax	3,400.00	3,303.82	3,303.00
Savings bank tax	285.89	285.89	285.00
Reimbursement acct. State and Federal forest lands	142.00	305.72	142.00
Reimbursement acct. exemption of growing wood and timber	2,978.17	2,350.79	2,000.00
For fighting forest fires		20.15	
Reimbursement acct. old age assistance		125.00	
From Local Sources Except Taxes:			
Dog licenses	600.00	667.60	600.00
Business licenses, permits and filing fees	10.00	10.50	10.00
Fines and forfeits, municipal court	100.00	542.50	250.00
Rent of town hall and other bldgs.	500.00	616.00	500.00
Interest received on taxes and deposits	500.00	734.01	500.00
Highway, including rental of equipment	2,800.00	2,875.98	2,500.00

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Purposes of Expenditures	Approps. Previous Year 1954	Actual Exp'tures Previous Year 1954	Estimated Exp'tures Ensuing Year 1955
Current Maintenance Expenses:			
General Government:			
Town officers' salaries	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,368.45	\$ 3,625.00
Town officers' expense	1,550.00	1,627.37	1,600.00
Election and reg. expenses	650.00	636.18	350.00
Municipal court expenses	350.00	300.00	350.00
Expenses town hall and other town buildings	3,100.00	3,578.82	2,500.00
Protection of Persons and Property:			
Police department	2,300.00	2,377.12	2,500.00
Fire department	3,500.00	3,833.33	4,600.00
Moth extermination—blister rust and care of trees	2,000.00	1,749.00	2,000.00
Health:			
Health dept., incl. hospitals	100.00	101.22	100.00
Vital statistics	100.00	90.75	100.00
Town dump & garbage removal	600.00	641.50	650.00
Highways and Bridges:			
Town maintenance, summer and winter	25,000.00	27,226.85	25,000.00
Street lighting	3,000.00	2,943.00	3,000.00
General expenses of high- way department	4,500.00	4,500.00	4,500.00
Town road aid	798.54	798.54	808.15
Libraries:	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
Public Welfare:			
Town poor	4,000.00	3,079.15	3,500.00

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## (Sources of Revenue—Continued)

Motor vehicle permit fees	8,500.00	9,823.70	8,500.00
From Local Taxes Other Than Property Taxes:			
Poll taxes, regular @ \$2	1,800.00	2,070.00	1,800.00
National bank stock taxes	111.00	111.00	111.00
Total Revenue from All Sources except Property Taxes	\$ 23,032.38	\$ 25,147.98	\$ 21,806.00
Amt. to be Raised by Property Taxes			\$188,924.19

Assessed valuation previous year	\$2,955,372.00
Estimated assessed valuation for 1954	2,955,372.00
Amount required by Budget	188,924.19
Tax rate ensuing year per \$100.00 valuation	6.40

Every appropriation of \$1,000.00 in addition to this budget will raise the tax rate \$.04 per \$100.00 valuation.

Theodore Frizzell, Chairman	Cecil Fisk
John Ahern	Walter Piletz
James B. Hogan	Dana Olden, Chairman
Montford Sayce	of School Board
Merton L. Bascom	Alice E. Adams
Christian Rist	J. Frank Frohock
Rolfe Jacobs	Walter H. Palmer

## (Purposes of Expenditures—Continued)

Old age assistance	4,500.00	4,495.91	5,000.00
Patriotic Purposes:			
Memorial Day & Vet. Asso.	200.00	100.00	100.00
Recreation:			
Parks & playground, incl. band concerts	1,000.00	816.96	1,000.00
Public Service Enterprises:			
Town clock	125.00	153.32	125.00
Cemeteries	2,200.00	2,212.76	2,200.00
Water and sewer survey	1,200.00		
Unclassified:			
Damages and legal expenses, incl. dog damage	300.00	207.43	300.00
Advertising and regional asso.	50.00	50.00	50.00
Interest:			
On temporary loans	650.00	564.59	600.00
On long term notes and bonds	180.00	225.60	350.00
Highways and Bridges:			
New equipment	3,500.00	3,600.00	
Payment on Principal of Debt:			
Long term notes	5,500.00	5,500.00	8,000.00
Payments to Other Govern- mental Divisions:			
County taxes	12,346.15	12,346.15	13,300.00
School taxes	116,400.74	99,875.33	123,322.04
Total Expenditures	\$204,400.43	\$188,199.33	\$210,730.19

## INVENTORY, 1954

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Land and buildings (exclusive of growing wood, and timber)	\$1,920,985.00
Electric plants 5	525,172.00
Horses 32	2,035.00
Cows 735	82,175.00
Other neat stock 172	11,125.00
Sheep and goats 58	675.00
Hogs 2	30.00
Fowl 11,670	11,670.00
Fur bearing animals 13	440.00
Portable mills 5	5,300.00
Gasoline pumps and tanks 29	4,750.00
Stock in trade	94,515.00
Mills and Machinery	159,775.00
Toll bridges 1	250,000.00
Wood and lumber	4,000.00
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Total gross valuation before exemptions allowed	\$3,072,647.00
Less Soldiers' exemptions	117,275.00
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Net valuation on which tax rate is computed	\$2,955,372.00
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Tax rate \$6.20.	

## APPROPRIATED FOR 1954

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The town voted at the annual meeting March 9th, 1954 to raise the following sums:

Town officers' salaries	\$ 3,500.00
Town officers' expenses	1,550.00
Election and registration expenses	650.00
Municipal Court	350.00
Town Hall and buildings maintenance	3,100.00
Police department	2,300.00
Fire department	3,500.00
Blister rust	400.00
Health department	100.00
Vital Statistics	100.00
Town road aid	798.54
Town maintenance	25,000.00
Surface treatment	4,500.00
Care of trees	1,600.00

Town clock	125.00
Street lighting	3,000.00
Libraries	1,200.00
New equipment	3,500.00
Water and Sewer Survey	1,200.00
Old Age Assistance	4,500.00
Town Poor	4,000.00
Memorial Day - Old Home Day	200.00
Swimming pool	1,000.00
Cemeteries (includes \$500.00 for new cemetery)	2,200.00
Damages and legal expenses in dog damage	300.00
Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee region	50.00
Payments on principal of debt and interest	6,330.00
School tax	116,400.74
County tax	12,346.15
Town dump	600.00
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	\$204,400.43
Less poll taxes and estimated revenue and credits	23,360.38
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	\$181,040.05
Selectmen added (overlay)	2,193.01
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Property taxes committed to collector	\$183,233.06

# COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1954

Title of Appropriation	Appropriation	Receipts and Reimbursements	Total Amount Available	Expenditures	Unexpended Balance	Overdraft
Town officers' salaries	\$ 3,500.00		\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,368.45	\$ 131.55	
Town officers' expenses	1,550.00		1,550.00	1,627.37		\$ 77.37
Election and registration	650.00		650.00	636.18	13.82	
Municipal court	350.00		350.00	300.00	50.00	
Town Hall and building maintenance	2,500.00	\$ 766.00	3,266.00	3,542.32		276.32
Police department	2,300.00		2,300.00	2,377.12		77.12
Fire department	3,500.00	178.15	3,678.15	3,833.33		155.18
Bliester rust	400.00	1.18	401.18	400.00	1.18	
Health department	100.00		100.00	101.22		1.22
Vital Statistics	100.00		100.00	90.75	9.25	
Town road aid	798.54		798.54	798.54		
Town maintenance	25,000.00	3,527.96	28,527.96	27,226.85	1,301.11	
Surface treatment	4,500.00		4,500.00	4,500.00		
Care of trees	1,600.00	12.00	1,612.00	1,349.00	263.00	

Town clock	125.00	125.00	153.32	28.32
Street lighting	3,000.00	3,000.00	2,943.00	
Libraries	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	57.00
New equipment	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,600.00	
Water and sewer survey	1,200.00	1,200.00		100.00
Old age assistance	4,500.00	125.00	4,495.91	
Town poor	4,000.00	75.00	3,079.15	129.09
Memorial Day, Old Home Day	200.00	5.75	100.00	995.85
Swimming pool	1,000.00		816.96	105.75
Cemeteries	1,700.00		1,712.76	183.04
New cemetery appropriation	500.00		500.00	
Damages and legal exp., dog damage	300.00		207.43	92.57
Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee Region	50.00		50.00	
County tax	12,346.15		12,346.15	
Interest	830.00		790.19	39.81
Town dump	600.00		641.50	41.50
Payments on debts (principal)	5,500.00		5,500.00	
Lower town hall, new floor	600.00	53 ap.	1,302.50	202.50
Totals	\$87,999.69	\$ 5,191.04	\$89,590.00	\$ 4,573.02
Net unexpended balance of appropriations				\$ 972.29
				**3,600.73
				\$ 4,573.02

# STATEMENT OF BONDED DEBT — TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN, N. H.

December 31, 1954

## Showing Annual Maturities of Outstanding Bonds and Long Term Notes

Due	Water System, 1952		Water System, 1955		Total
	Serial Notes, 1 1/2 %	Serial Notes, 3 %	Serial Notes, 3 %	Serial Notes, 3 %	
	First National Bank, Spring- field, Vt. Orig. Amt. \$4,800.00	First National Bank, Spring- field, Vt. Authorized Amt. \$2,300. Borrowed in 1955, \$1,200.	Frank W. Horne Co., 1951 Notes at 2 % Fire Truck Orig. Amt. \$12,000.	Road Equip. Notes at 1 1/2 % First National Bank, Spring- field, Vt. Orig. Amt. \$5,000.	Route 12A Bridge, South Charlestown Notes at 1 1/2 % First National Bank, Spring- field, Vt. \$7,000.00
1955	\$ 800.00	\$ 250.00	\$3,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$ 9,050.00
1956	800.00	250.00		2,500.00	3,550.00
1957	800.00	250.00		2,000.00	3,050.00
1958		250.00			250.00
1959		200.00			200.00
	\$2,400.00	\$1,200.00	\$3,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$16,100.00



Financial Report  
OF THE  
TOWN OF  
CHARLESTOWN  
— IN —  
SULLIVAN COUNTY

For the Fiscal Year Ended  
DECEMBER 31, 1954

CERTIFICATE

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This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Feb. 5, 1955.

ALICE E. ADAMS  
WALTER H. PALMER  
J. FRANK FROHOCK  
Selectmen

WILLIAM MILLER  
Treasurer

## Assets

Cash:	
Highway account balance	\$ 500.00
In hands of treasurer	54,677.06
In hands of officials	
Sewer department	3,211.83
Treasurer water commission	543.53
Water collector	315.62
Capital Reserve Funds:	
Bounties, 1954	68.50
Accounts Due to the Town:	
Sewer connections	222.35
Sewer rentals \$348.50; water rent \$1,863.63	2,212.13
Town hall rent	155.50
Highway department service	334.40
Municipal court, 1954	250.00
Water department notes	3,600.00
Unredeemed Taxes:	
Levy of 1953	1,585.34
Levy of 1952	883.45
Previous years	609.98
Uncollected Taxes:	
Levy of 1954	27,847.71
Levy of 1953	38.20
Levy of 1952	6.00
Previous years	8.00
State-head taxes—Levy of 1954	1,375.00
State head taxes—Previous years not remitted	181.05
Total Assets	<hr/> \$98,625.65
Grand Total	<hr/> \$98,625.65
Net debt, December 31, 1953	1,665.93
Net surplus, December 31, 1954	1,721.42

## Liabilities

Accounts Owed by the Town:	
Sewer and water survey \$1,200; highways \$1,300	\$ 2,500.00
Civil defense \$50; swimming pool 1953-54 \$494.44	544.44
Care of trees \$263; town history \$200; Old Home Day \$200	663.00
Swamp project	390.00
12A bridge account	3,750.00

Due to State:	
(Uncollected \$1,375.00;) (Collected—not remitted to State Treasurer \$181.05)	1,556.05
Due to School Districts: Balance of approp., 1954-55	71,400.74
Long Term Notes Outstanding:	
Frank W. Horne, fire truck note	3,000.00
First National Bank, Springfield, Vt., payloader \$2,500.00; bridge \$7,000.00	9,500.00
Water department notes	3,600.00
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Total Liabilities	\$96,904.23
Excess of assets over liabilities (surplus)	1,721.42
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Grand Total	\$98,625.65

### Receipts

#### Current Revenue:

#### From Local Taxes: (collected and remitted to treasurer):

Property taxes, current year, 1954	\$156,232.66
Poll taxes, current year, reg. @ \$2, 1954	1,718.00
National bank stock tax, 1954	111.00
Yield taxes, 1954	354.07
Total current year's taxes collected and remitted	\$158,415.73
Property taxes and yield taxes, previous years	16,770.52
Poll taxes, previous years, reg. @ \$2	352.00
Interest received on taxes	734.01
Tax sales redeemed	2,468.63

#### From State:

For town road aid	1,741.80
Interest and dividends tax	1,305.32
Railroad tax	3,303.82
Savings bank tax and building and loan association tax	285.89
Reimbursement acct. State and Federal forest lands	305.72
Reimbursement acct. exemption of growing wood and timber	2,350.79
Head tax refund	30.71
Fighting forest fires	20.15
Bounties	41.00
Reimbursement acct. old age assistance	125.00

Total from State	<hr/> \$ 9,510.20
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## From Local Sources, except Taxes:

Dog licenses	667.60	
Business licenses, permits and filing fees	10.50	
Fines and forfeits, municipal court, (1953)	542.50	
Rent of town property	616.00	
Income from departments	2,875.98	
Fires	158.00	
Registration of motor vehicles, 1954 permits	9,823.70	
Total from Local Sources except Taxes		\$14,694.28
Receipts Other than Current Revenue:		
Temporary loans in anticipation of taxes during year	75,000.00	
Long term notes during year	8,200.00	
Refunds	215.28	
Donations to monument fund	70.00	
Burial lot	10.00	
Tree spraying	12.00	
Water department notes, interest and insurance	1,394.27	
Sewer department, insurance and withholding taxes	100.87	
Town's share of 1954 head tax	359.00	
Total Receipts		\$85,361.42
Cash on hand January 1, 1954		\$44,958.02
Grand Total		\$333,264.81

## Payments

## Current Maintenance Expenses:

## General Government:

Town officers' salaries	\$ 3,368.45
Town officers' expenses	1,627.37
Election and registration expenses	636.18
Municipal court expenses	300.00
Expenses town hall and other town bldgs.	4,844.82
Protection of Persons and Property:	
Police department	2,377.12
Fire department, including forest fires	3,833.33
Moth extermination, blister rust and care of trees	1,749.00
Bounties	68.50
Dog account	70.00
Sewer and water departments	293.55

Health:		
Health department, including hospitals	101.22	
Vital statistics	90.75	
Town dump	641.50	
Highways and Bridges:		
T. R. A. advance	1,741.80	
Town road aid	798.54	
Town maintenance (summer \$11,064.91)		
(winter \$16,161.94)	27,226.85	
Street lighting	2,943.00	
General expenses of highway dept.	4,073.52	
Libraries:	1,200.00	
Public Welfare:		
Old age assistance	4,495.91	
Town poor	3,079.15	
Patriotic Purposes:		
Memorial Day	100.00	
Recreation:		
Parks and playgrounds	816.96	
Public Service Enterprises:		
Municipal water—for article 7, warrant		
1954	1,200.00	
Cemeteries	1,987.26	
Town clock	153.32	
Total Current Maintenance Expense		\$70,025.53
Unclassified:		
Damages and legal expenses	207.43	
Advertising and regional assoc.	50.00	
Taxes bought by town	2,986.17	
Discounts, abatements and refunds	941.50	
Auto permits	639.50	
Employees' retirement and social security	1,143.66	
Total Current Maintenance Expenses		\$ 5,760.83
Interest:		
Paid on temporary loans in anticipation		
of taxes	\$ 564.59	
Paid on long term notes	225.60	
Total Interest Payments		\$ 790.19
Outlay for New Construction,		
Equipment and Permanent		
Improvements:		
Highways and bridges, state aid con-		
struction	\$ 3,250.00	

Memorial monument	1,639.72	
New equipment, highway	3,600.00	
Total Outlay Payments		\$ 8,489.72
Indebtedness:		
Payments on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	\$75,000.00	
Payments on long term notes	6,300.00	
Total Indebtedness Payments		\$81,300.00
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:		
Taxes paid to county	12,346.15	
Payments to school districts (1953 tax \$54,875.33) (1954 tax \$45,000.00)	99,875.33	
Total Payments to Other Governmental Divisions		\$112,221.48
Total Payments for All Purposes		\$278,587.75
Cash on hand December 31, 1954		54,677.06
Grand Total		\$333,264.81

### SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Description	Value
Town hall, lands and buildings	\$ 30,000.00
Furniture and equipment	2,000.00
Libraries, lands and buildings	10,000.00
Furniture and equipment	4,000.00
Police department, equipment	200.00
Fire department, lands and buildings	4,000.00
Equipment	20,000.00
Highway department, lands and buildings	2,000.00
Equipment	20,000.00
Parks, commons and playgrounds	5,000.00
Water supply, if owned by town	85,000.00
Sewers and drains	26,000.00
Schools, lands and buildings	250,000.00
Equipment	15,000.00
G. L. Richardson, wood lot	1,000.00
Chas. Kinson, place	1,000.00
Farwell, Ball & White, wood lot	500.00
Town dump	1,000.00
Nelson Benware, place	2,000.00
Total	\$478,700.00

# DETAILED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

## State of New Hampshire

T. R. A. refund	\$1,741.80	
Gas tax refund	388.70	
State land taxes	142.30	
Bounties on hedgehogs	41.00	
Interest and dividend tax	1,305.32	
Old age recovery	125.00	
Head tax reimbursement	30.71	
Timber tax	2,350.79	
Forest lands tax	163.42	
Savings bank tax	285.89	
Railroad tax	3,303.82	
Rent of land	1.00	
	—————	\$ 9,879.75

## Highway Department

Use of equipment	\$1,335.08	
Tarring	251.65	
Gravel	582.00	
Fire department, gas	43.55	
	—————	\$ 2,212.28

## Forest Fires

Boston & Maine Railroad	36.00	
State of New Hampshire	20.15	
Howard H. Davis	115.25	
A. C. Moore	2.25	
Milford Davidson	4.50	
	—————	\$ 178.15

## Refunds

George Holden, Social Security	\$ 45.04	
Lee Warren, Social Security	49.72	
John Morris, Social Security	5.00	
Arthur Waters, Social Security	5.00	
Harold Fisk, Social Security	5.00	
Walter Smith, Social Security	2.00	
Rex Green, Social Security	15.50	
Lewis Russell, Social Security	5.00	
Oscar F. Adams, Overseer of Poor	75.00	
Pine blister rust	1.18	
Lewis Russell	.09	
	—————	\$ 208.53



## Williams S. Fairbanks, Town Clerk

Auto permits	\$9,823.70
Dog licenses	667.60
State filing fees	6.00
	—————\$ 10,497.30

## Taxes

Property and poll taxes, 1954	158,113.33
Yield taxes, 1954	354.07
Property and poll taxes, 1953	17,441.27
Yield taxes, 1953	314.96
Property and poll taxes previous years	17.00
Yield taxes, previous years	31.63
	—————\$176,272.26

## Taxes Redeemed

Edward Caruso, 1953	\$ 73.00
North Walpole Realty Co., 1953	230.17
Theodore and Franklin Walker, 1952	239.15
Robert and Margaret Davis, 1951	105.29
Robert and Margaret Davis, 1952	44.71
Louis Chartier, 1952	10.00
Rodney and Eleanor Jones, 1953	66.34
Glen and Esther Lord, 1952	176.43
Haskell Benware, 1950	42.27
Haskell Benware, 1951	26.78
Ellen B. Towsley, 1953	75.09
Horace and Marion Bascom, 1951	372.23
Horace and Marion Bascom, 1952	15.57
Theo. and Virginia Holbrook, 1953	1.93
Charlestown Mills, Inc., 1953	625.07
Elroy and Ruth Rock, 1953	77.09
Mary O. Emerson, 1953	149.50
Charles and Bessie Tuttle, 1953	62.87
Edward and Doris Surrell, 1953	2.86
John Parkhurst, 1953	67.28
Marion Chamberlain, 1952	5.00
	—————\$ 2,468.63

## Temporary Loans

First National Bank, Springfield, Vt.	\$ 75,000.00
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## Notes

First National Bank, Springfield, Vt.	\$ 8,200.00
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## Water Department

Notes	\$1,291.24
Interest	30.23
Insurance	72.80
	—————\$ 1,394.27

**Sewer Department**

Insurance, 1953 and 1954	\$ 53.37	
Rex Green, withholding tax	47.50	
	<hr/>	\$ 100.87

**Miscellaneous**

Richard H. Perry, Justice, 1953	\$ 542.50	
Gertrude White, tree spraying	12.00	
Pistol permits	4.50	
Walter Carlisle, burial lot	10.00	
Town of Goffstown, N. H., payload bucket	275.00	
R. D. Whitcomb Post, A. L., Memorial		
Day refund	5.75	
Richard H. Perry, donation monument	25.00	
H. T. Gates, donation monument	20.00	
Emily A. Cobb, donation monument	15.00	
Charles E. Snow, Jr., donation monument	10.00	
Alice E. Adams, rent town hall	616.00	
William Miller, head tax	359.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,894.75

Total receipts	\$288,306.79	
Cash on hand, January 1, 1954	\$ 44,958.02	
	<hr/>	\$333,264.81

**DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS****Town Officers' Salaries**

Alice E. Adams, selectman	\$ 550.00
Walter H. Palmer, selectman	550.00
J. Frank Frohock, selectman	550.00
Walter G. Smith, Jr., tax collector	600.00
William S. Fairbanks, town clerk	200.00
William Miller, treasurer	200.00
Oscar F. Adams, overseer of poor	150.00
Gladys L. Adams, secretary trustee of trust funds	150.00
D. Howard Stearns, fire chief	100.00
E. Peckham Barber, health officer	75.00
Eleanor C. Brown, auditor	87.50
Alta Currier, auditor	63.44
Charles F. Elliott, auditor	90.32
Romaine Bacon, auditor	2.19
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	\$3,368.45

## Town Officers' Expense

Alice E. Adams, mileage, attending state meetings, and supplies	\$ 129.24
Walter H. Palmer, mileage, attending state meetings, and supplies	100.25
J. Frank Frohock, mileage, attending state meetings, and supplies	93.00
William S. Fairbanks, supplies, postage, telephone	138.97
Walter G. Smith, Jr., tax collector, supplies, expenses	129.77
New England Tel. & Tel Co.	124.62
Recording transfers and mortgages	94.43
Town officers, dues in State Associations	8.00
Perry & Willard, bonds for town officers	201.00
L. L. Comstock, town reports and printing	473.15
Gertrude Cahalane, postage and box rent	52.10
Brown & Saltmarsh Co., supplies	21.81
Edson C. Eastman Co., supplies	19.97
Wheeler & Clark, supplies	14.97
Kimball's Inc., supplies	10.90
Walter G. Smith Jr., painting	5.00
Miscellaneous supplies	10.19
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	\$1,627.37

## Election and Registration

Cecil Fisk, moderator	\$ 17.50
Walter H. Palmer, moderator	5.00
Alice E. Adams, election officer	30.00
Walter H. Palmer, election officer	20.00
J. Frank Frohock, election officer	30.00
William S. Fairbanks, town clerk	40.00
M. Loraine Child, supervisor	90.50
Edna A. Farrell, supervisor	90.50
Lora Spooner, supervisor	57.00
Eleanor Streeter, supervisor	34.00
Leon Barry, ballot clerk	40.00
Arthur M. Lane, ballot clerk	30.00
Fred Huntley, ballot clerk	10.00
L. L. Comstock, ballot clerk	40.00
Arthur C. Moore, ballot clerk	30.00
Comstock, The Printer, ballots, notices, cards	46.50
Newspaper ads for special town meeting	25.18
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	\$ 636.18

### Highway Department - Winter Account

John W. Morris, Agent	\$ 1,998.00
Labor	8,317.14
Vacation pay	180.75
Granite State Electric Co.	11.88
Willoughby's Garage	476.34
Cray Oil Company	988.35
Hired snow plowing and sanding	46.20
Charlestown Garage	523.93
International Salt Co.	816.00
Berger Metal Culvert Co., culverts	440.29
R. N. Johnson, repair parts	29.34
R. C. Hazelton Co., parts and labor	422.91
Montgomery Ward Co., tires	212.96
Wirthmore Feed Co., supplies	27.54
Connelly Fuels, coal	209.00
Alfred C. Smith, bridge plank	22.00
Ezra Howard, bridge plank	36.00
George Lombard, bridge plank	177.65
Hartford Oil Company	13.59
Charles Riley, gasoline	3.10
Leo Josefow, gasoline	2.25
A. R. Stevens, welding	18.00
G. E. Faltin Motor Co., express	2.10
George Blake, sawing wood	15.75
Columbian Steel Co., snow plow blades	271.03
Comstock, the Printer	4.00
Gravel	429.60
Perry & Willard, Workmen's Compensation Ins.	456.74
Hamlin's I. G. A. Store, supplies	7.80
A. H. & R. H. Streeter, pipe	1.70

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\$16,161.94

### Highway Department - Summer Account

John W. Morris, agent	\$ 1,635.00
Labor	5,823.85
Vacation pay	155.25
Charlestown Garage, repairs and supplies	470.66
Cray Oil Company, gasoline	867.43
Granite State Electric Co.	9.84
Willoughby's Garage	323.74
Wirthmore Feed Co., supplies	24.35
Hartford Oil Company, kerosene	3.75
R. C. Hazelton Co., new power spreader	\$425.00
Other parts and labor	323.73
	<hr/> 748.73

R. N. Johnson, repair parts and labor	95.48
Green Company, edgings	2.50
Perry & Willard, insurance	305.13
Mrs. Winnie Eaton, rent	5.00
State of New Hampshire, road signs	14.50
Gay's Express Co.	2.10
Alfred C. Smith, plank	30.00
George Lombard, plank	20.15
Gravel	207.00
Adams & Adams, insurance	272.41
Hardy Merrill, repair parts	13.79
Howard Hardware Co., axes	11.75
Charles Snow, surveying	10.00
L. Castine, paint	12.50

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 \$11,064.91

Total cost of highways (winter and summer)      \$27,226.85

## Credits:

Labor - Surface treatment	\$ 426.48
Labor - New cemetery	225.50
Use of equipment	1,335.08
Gas tax refund	388.70
Gravel sold	582.00
Tarring	251.65
Gas, fire department	43.55
Sale of old payload bucket	275.00
	<hr/> \$ 3,527.96

Net cost of highways      \$ 23,698.89

### Highway Report

The following is a condensed summary of the work done by the highway department:

- Set 140 new guard posts.
- 8 culverts installed - 2 lengthened.
- Re-planked two bridges on Meany road.
- Re-built bridge on Farwell road.
- Re-built bridge on the Harvey Putnam road.

Roads widened and graveled as follows:

- Dug out Hill.
- Section of road on Jay Meadow.
- Road in rear of Al Roy residence - culverts lengthened.

The following roads were tarred:

- Acworth road to the town line.
- 1 1-2 miles of Unity road.
- Whiskey Road.
- Baldwin Court.

Willard St.

Bridge St.

School St.

Elm St.

Olcott Lane

Drew 8,025 cubic yards of gravel.

Used 1,240 cubic yards of sand.

Used 55 tons of salt.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. MORRIS

### Payloader Report

The town voted that the Selectmen keep a separate account of repairs and parts for the payloader, and publish same in the Town Report.

In the year 1954 there was one breakdown involving the transmission and clutch. The cost for parts and labor was \$436.91. The payloader is two years old and to date this is the only major item of expense.

### Town Road Aid Report

Town road aid is for work on Class 5 roads, which are school bus and mail routes. \$6,122.16 was expended on this work in 1954 in Charlestown. The town spent \$798.54 and the State furnished the balance of \$5,323.62. The work this year was a continuation of work started on the Hemlock road, and was under the supervision of a state highway engineer from the Keene office. Mr. Kenneth Whitney was the state timekeeper on this job. Mr. Whitney's report shows the following:

1. Cut 98 trees, over 6 in. in diameter.
2.  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile of brush was cut.
3. Used 2,602 yards of gravel.
4. Installed 16 header posts.
5. 33 ft. of 12" culverts  
33 ft. of 24" culverts  
198 ft. of 15" culverts

### Surface Treatment

Trimount Bituminous Products Co., road tar	
and patch	\$3,561.71
Treasurer, State of New Hampshire, chloride	203.81
Ralph Willoughby, trucks	175.50
Albert Meader, truck	132.50
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	\$4,073.52
Credit to Highway Department for labor	426.48
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Total cost of Surface Treatment	\$ 4,500.00

**Town Road Aid**

Treasurer, State of New Hampshire, for town's share	\$	798.54
Wages drawn in advance	\$1,741.80	
Received from State of New Hampshire	1,741.80	
Total cost to town for 1954 T. R. A. project	\$	798.54

**Expenses Town Hall**

Arthur LaForge, janitor	\$1,313.25	
Granite State Electric Co.	117.11	
Connelly Fuels, coal	878.37	
New Hampshire Fire & Safety Co., emergency lights	200.00	
Perry & Willard, insurance,		
3 year liability	\$406.94	
3 year fire ins.	332.65	
Workman's comp.	14.65	
Boiler & Mach. 3-yr.	91.00	
		895.24
Rick's Electric Shop, repairs and supplies	21.50	
Carl Brown, labor	3.38	
Hamlin I. G. A. Store, supplies	27.61	
Wilbur Gould, waxing and buffing floors	19.75	
C. A. Johnson, finishing floors	41.83	
Moniers' Home Utilities, gas	12.00	
A. H. & R. H. Streeter, labor and materials	2.90	
Herbert E. Streeter, labor	9.38	
		\$3,542.32
Credits:		
Heating Fire Station	\$150.00	
Rent of Town Hall	616.00	
		766.00
Net cost of town Hall		\$2,776.32

**Special Town Hall Appropriations**

The sum of \$500. was appropriated in 1953 and \$600. was appropriated in 1954 to lay a new floor in the lower town hall.

Richard J. Reil - Contract to lay new floor	\$1,302.50
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**TOWN HALL REPORT**

Amount due from rent of hall in 1953	\$	73.00
Amount due from rentals in 1954		698.50
		\$ 771.50
Paid town treasurer	\$	616.00
Checks on hand		110.50
Due for December rent		45.00
		\$ 771.50



## POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT, 1954

Calls received and investigated	434
Motor vehicle accidents	55
Persons injured in accidents	21
Motor vehicle fatality	3
Persons given night's lodging	27
Dances and basketball games policed	
Arrests	
Speeding	9
Careless and negligent	3
Failing to have car under control	1
Leaving scene of accident	1
Driving without license	1
Driving while intoxicated	1
Failing to stay to right of yellow line	1
Drunkenness	2
Disturbing the peace	1

Again, as in the past, my sincere thanks for all cooperation shown the Police Department, during the year of 1954.

Respectfully submitted,

RALPH A. WILLOUGHBY,

Chief of Police

### Police Department

Ralph Willoughby, chief, salary, telephone, and expenses	\$1,585.31
Robert W. Stone, police duty	317.80
Allen Cornell, police duty	3.40
Louis Rokes, police duty	26.90
Raymond Wilder, police duty	17.50
Rodney L. Adams, police duty	124.00
Harold Ward, police duty	24.70
Elroy Rock, police duty	19.70
Perry & Willard, insurance	29.68
Wirthmore Feed Co., steel posts	5.40
W. S. Darley & Co., badges, siren, case	66.24
Adams & Adams Agency, insurance, 2 years	99.49
State of New Hampshire, signs	39.00
H. A. Manning, directory	18.00

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\$2,377.12

### Dog Account

Ralph Willoughby	\$ 30.00
Wheeler & Clark, dog tags and license books	40.00

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\$ 70.00

## MUNICIPAL COURT

There were 57 complaints brought before the court during the year 1954, listed as follows:

Motor vehicle	38
Fish and game	4
Assault	4
Threatened assault	1
Non-support	1
Landlord and tenant repossession	1
Juvenile	3
Intoxication	2
Illegal rubbish disposal	1
Larceny	2
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### Financial Report

Amount received	\$ 620.00
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#### Amount paid:

Motor vehicle department	\$ 346.50
Fish and game department	13.50
R. H. Perry, telephone, postage	5.00
N. H. Ass'n. Municipal Court Judges	5.00
Town of Charlestown	250.00
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	\$ 620.00

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD H. PERRY, Justice

### Municipal Court

Richard H. Perry, justice	\$300.00
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### Fire Department

Granite State Electric Co.	\$ 89.66
New England Tel & Tel Co.	115.34
N. H. Fire & Safety Equipment Co.	
Chemical extinguisher, bracket,	
batteries	\$ 89.25
5 helmets and 2 connections	115.12
Fog nozzle	67.29
Repairing nozzles, batteries, adapters	39.07
Battery reducers, volute	54.87
100 ft. hose and couplings	127.00
Connisters and batteries	37.15
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	\$ 529.75

## American LaFrance Foamite Co.

Auxiliary 2½" gate	\$ 143.86
Extinguisher and bracket	39.72
Nozzle	67.39
Spanner wrenches	12.91
	<hr/> \$ 263.88

Eastern Fire Equipment Co., smoke bombs, car plates	51.88
Justin McCarthy Co., nozzle, soda acid	70.22
New England Fire Chiefs Association, expenses and dues	43.00
Hamlin's I. G. A. Store, supplies	13.90
Rick's Electric Shop	16.04
N. H. Forestry & Recreation Dept., rakes, pails, headlights	48.75
D. Howard Stearns, express paid	2.37
Charlestown Garage, parts and labor	153.73
Quaker Rubber Co., hose	375.00
Adams & Adams Agency, insurance	256.35
Emery's Esso Station, supplies	6.30
Southern Twin State Mutual Aid Assoc., dues	5.00
James R. Shea Co., wrenches and nozzle	31.80
Maurice Zing, state firemen's retirement fund	66.00
Bob's Esso Station, supplies	3.94
Perry & Willard, Workmen's Compensation	90.30
Blanchard Associates, mittens	10.89
Sudbury Laboratory, tank	12.50
Clover Farm Store, supplies	6.00
O. W. Stevens, material	11.85
Operating resuscitator	24.00
Labor at fire station	32.25
Wardens' meeting	43.58
Salaries, 22 firemen @ \$25.00	550.00
Clerk's salary	25.00
Steward's salary	75.00
Gasoline, credit to highway department	43.55

## Fires:

10 Alarm fires	\$ 427.25
7 Chimney fires	28.50
6 Town Dump fires	86.50
5 Still alarms	26.25
4 Grass fires	26.25
2 B. & M. R. R., grass fires	36.00
2 Oil burner fires	9.00

1 Car fire	4.50	
1 Forest fire	115.25	
2 Rescuing animals	6.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 765.50
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		\$ 3,833.33
Coal, credit town hall account		150.00
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		\$ 3,983.33
Receipts:		
B. & M. Railroad	\$ 36.00	
State of New Hampshire	20.15	
Howard H. Davis	115.25	
Arthur C. Moore	2.25	
Milford F. Davidson	4.50	
	<hr/>	\$ 178.15
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Net cost of fire department		\$ 3,805.18

### Resuscitator Report

The resuscitator was purchased from a public subscription drive in 1952. On Feb. 1, 1954 there was a balance of \$62.34 on hand, and at that time the resuscitator had been used in ten emergencies.

During the year from Feb. 1, 1954 to Feb. 1, 1955 the resuscitator has been used in four emergencies.

A financial summary as of Feb. 1, 1955, follows:

Feb. 1, 1954 Balance on hand	\$ 62.34	
Donation received from Business and Professional Women's Club	9.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 71.34
Oxygen refills	\$ 29.40	
Heat cartridges	3.30	
	<hr/>	\$ 32.70
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Balance on hand Feb. 1, 1955		\$ 38.64

## Taxes Bought by the Town (1953 Levy)

Horace and Marion Bascom	\$ 301.47
Ralph H. Bashaw	123.27
Leon and Kit Benware	83.05
Edward Caruso	71.73
Marien Chamberlain	107.11
Louis and Delia Chartier	32.10
Robert and Margaret Davis	88.69
Harry R. Davis	25.30
George W. Hart	45.40
Rodney and Eleanor Jones	64.81
Stanley T. Merrill	39.45
Ralph and Mary Neth	60.40
North Walpole Realty Co.	230.17
Dennis Parkhurst	124.53
John and Eleanor Parkhurst	64.78
Nelson and Annie Pecor	32.10
Charles and Dorris Ring	242.75
Elroy and Ruth Rock	73.60
Everett and Edith Simpson	49.07
Ellen B. Towsley	71.73
Charles and Bessie Tuttle	60.40
Clifford Wilson	60.40
Edward and Esther Wright	128.71
Charlestown Mills, Inc.	618.32
Mary O. Emerson	145.29
Emery W. Hall	20.77
Harvey Putnam	20.77
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	\$ 2,986.17

Taxes and interest	\$2,883.57
Walter G. Smith, collector's fees	102.60
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	\$2,986.17

## Tax Abatements

Robert W. Stone, for veteran's exemption	\$ 54.00
Stanley T. Merrill, for veteran's exemption (1954)	62.00
Stanley T. Merrill, over assessment	18.60
Merton H. Bascom, over assessment	17.00
Gordon Woodman, for veteran's exemption	62.00
Lewis A. Nelson, abatement 1953 levy	\$108.00
Abatement 1954 levy	124.00
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	232.00

**Ordered by State Tax Commission**

Carleton and Hazel Morse, over assessment	12.40
Connecticut River Sales, stock in trade	108.50
Jacobs Machine Works	248.00

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\$ 814.50

**Library**

E. P. Barber, treasurer	\$1,200.00
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**Street Lighting**

Granite State Electric Co.	\$ 2,676.50
Connecticut Valley Electric Co., Inc.	266.50

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\$ 2,943.00

**Swimming Pool**

Richard Pearson, life guard	\$ 326.78
John Dunn, life guard	309.32
Elaine Ahern, life guard	61.16
Hamlin's I. G. A. Store, supplies	31.31
Wirthmore Feed Co., supplies	23.49
Frank Fish, cutting hay	7.00
Charlestown Garage, iron and labor	5.50
Labor	52.40

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\$ 816.96

**Town Dump**

Jesse Porter, caretaker	\$ 637.50
Comstock, The Printer, printing	4.00

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\$ 641.50

**Care of Trees**

F. A. Bartlett Co., spraying trees	\$ 405.00
Robert W. Stone, tree work	267.50
Harold Willoughby, tree work	452.00
Donald Kinson, tree work	184.50
Arthur LaForge, tree work	9.00
Elmer Gould for Charlestown Grange, gypsy moth control	31.00

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\$ 1,349.00

Receipts

\$12.00

**Auto Permits**

William S. Fairbanks, town clerk	\$ 639.50
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**Bounties**

Bounties paid	\$ 68.50
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### Old Age Assistance

Amount paid by State of New Hampshire Department of Public Welfare to persons in Charlestown who receive old age assistance for 1954 was \$17,983.64.

The Town of Charlestown pays 25% of this amount to the State—\$4,495.91.

### Town Poor Account

Oscar F. Adams, overseer of poor, from selectmen	\$ 2,820.96
State of New Hampshire, aid to disabled	258.19
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Total Cost of Town Poor	\$3,079.15

### Cemeteries

Forest Hill Cemetery	
Clarence Jardine, sexton	\$ 340.00
Labor	682.00
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	\$ 1,022.00
Hope Hill Cemetery	
Clarence Jardine, sexton	\$ 194.00
Labor	410.20
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	\$ 604.20

### General Expenses

Wirthmore Feed Co., spade, rakes,	
grass edger	\$ 22.75
LaRock's Repair Shop, sharpening mowers	23.00
Charlestown Garage, repairs	19.15
Perry & Willard, insurance	12.66
Erwin Surrell, mowing	9.00
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	\$ 86.56
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	\$ 1,712.76

### New Cemetery Appropriation

Charles Snow, surveying	\$ 20.00
R. N. Johnson, cedar posts	30.70
Charlestown Highway Department	223.80
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	\$ 274.50
Credit Highway Department, labor	225.50
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Total cost	\$ 500.00

**Interest**

First National Bank, Springfield, Vt. (anticipation of taxes)	\$ 564.59
First National Bank, Springfield, Vt. (water department notes)	67.90
First National Bank, Springfield, Vt. (highway note)	37.70
Connecticut River National Bank, (fire truck notes)	120.00
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	\$ 790.19

**Indebtedness**

First National Bank, Springfield, Vt., temporary loans, anticipation of taxes	\$75,000.00
First National Bank, Springfield, Vt., payloader note	2,500.00
First National Bank, Springfield, Vt., water note No. 182	800.00
Connecticut River National Bank, fire truck note	3,000.00
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	\$81,300.00

**Outlay for New Equipment**

Sargent Motor Co., two trucks	\$ 3,600.00
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**Memorial Day Appropriation**

Roswell D. Whitcomb Post, American Legion	\$ 100.00
Flags	\$ 40.50
Flowers and urn	20.00
School band	25.00
Wreaths	8.75
Refund to town	5.75
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	\$ 100.00

**Town Clock**

Carl Brown, canopy for clock mechanism	\$ 59.87
Carlton deCastillia, repairs and labor	18.00
Walter G. Smith, Jr., winding	75.45
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	\$ 153.32

**Health Department**

Dr. Paul Willard, vaccinations	\$ 87.00
E. Peckham Barber, express	14.22
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	\$ 101.22

**Blister Rust**

William Messeck, Jr., state forester	\$ 400.00
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**Vital Statistics**

William S. Fairbanks, town clerk, reporting births, marriages and deaths	\$ 90.75
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**Payments to Other Government Divisions**

County tax	\$12,346.15
School district, balance 1953-1954 approp.	\$54,875.33
Paid on 1954-1955 approp.	45,000.00
	<hr/> \$99,875.33

**Miscellaneous**

Water department, for note under Article 7, 1954 warrant	\$ 1,200.00
Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee Region Assoc.	50.00
Buckley, Zoph & Sayce, legal fees	207.43
Water department, insurance paid	\$ 64.23
for overpayment on notes and interest	147.98
	<hr/> \$ 212.21
Sewer department, insurance	\$ 34.54
Withholding tax paid	46.80
	<hr/> \$ 81.34
Walter G. Smith, Jr., tax collector, abatement on 1953 head taxes	127.00

**Monument Appropriation**

Springfield Monuments	\$ 1,485.00
Arthur Whitcomb, concrete	83.00
Gledhill Bros., Inc., flagpole	50.85
Walter G. Smith, Jr., painting sign	8.50
Earl Putnam, excavating	10.00
B. & M. R. R., freight	2.37
	<hr/> \$ 1,639.72

**Bridge Account**

Route 12A	\$ 3,250.00
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**Social Security**

<sup>6</sup> Paid by town for social security voted for town employees in 1951. Agreement between State and Federal Government, and between the State and Town effective January 1, 1954		\$1,143.66
Paid out by town	\$1,143.66	
Town will be reimbursed	576.32	
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Actual cost of Social Security for 1954		\$ 576.34

### White Pine Blister Rust Control

#### Financial Statement, Town of Charlestown, 1954

Town funds expended	\$ 398.82	
Cooperative funds expended	182.58	
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Total funds expended		\$ 581.40
Received from town	\$ 400.00	
Town funds expended	398.82	
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Balance due town		\$ 1.18
Area covered 828 acres.		
Currant and gooseberry bushes destroyed 1,439.		

#### Notes of Appreciation

The town will have the dial telephone system starting about April, 1955. The selectmen, fire chief, police chief and citizens of Charlestown take this opportunity to publicly thank Mrs. Harland Taylor and the telephone operators for the efficient public service they have rendered to the town.

The members of the Charlestown Grange during 1953, as a community service project, redecorated the lower town hall.

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### MONUMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

This year found the committee finally getting the monument facts to a point and in the spring the monument was set into place on the green beside the other statue.

A little later the monument was dedicated with a nice crowd attending, and many veterans from organizations both in town and from surrounding towns.

I wish to extend my thanks to the members of the committee and others for any and all assistance.

Committee dissolved!

HAROLD K. MOFFATT, Secretary

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### TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

To the Town of Charlestown, N. H.:

The following is a report of all automobiles taxed in the Town of Charlestown from January 1, 1954 to December 31, 1954.

Total of automobile permit fees received	\$9,489.44
Paid town treasurer	\$9,823.70
Less overpayment	334.26
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	\$9,489.44

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM S. FAIRBANKS,  
Town Clerk

## DOG ACCOUNT

To the Town of Charlestown, N. H.:

The following is a report of dogs licensed in the Town of Charlestown during the year 1954:

Number of dogs licensed		327
Amount received: Males	\$ 352.00	
Amount received: Spayed	218.00	
Amount received: Females	115.00	
Amount received: Kennels	48.00	
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Total receipts	\$ 733.00	
Town clerk's fee	65.40	
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Paid town treasurer	\$ 667.60	

Respectfully submitted,  
WILLIAM S. FAIRBANKS,  
Town Clerk

## REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS, 1954

Fred H. Perry, Lovell E. Comstock, Gladys L. Adams, Trustees

New cemetery accounts received in 1954:

Reginald D. Brackett	\$ 200.00
Joseph H. Goewey	100.00
Susan Dickinson	100.00
Walter B. Wood	200.00
Guy C. Dodge	100.00
Oscar C. Young	100.00

Twelve widows received benefit from the Porter Widows Fund.

### Trust Fund Principal, Dec. 31, 1954

Securities owned at cost

30 sh. Central Vt. Public Ser.	\$ 2,880.00
167 sh. Chase National Bank of N. Y.	5,354.35
207 sh. Chemical Fund	3,603.82
308 Eaton & Howard Bal. Fund	4,587.59
200 Irving Trust Co., N. Y.	4,675.01
354 sh. Mass. Investors Trust	4,653.09
10 sh. National Dairy Products	245.00
434 sh. Nationwide Securities	6,814.77
140 sh. N. H. Fire Insurance	6,272.00
150 sh. Peerless Casualty Co.	2,393.25
30 sh. Pub. Ser. N. H., 3.35% pr.	2,320.00
100 sh. Inland Steel Co.	4,255.63
100 sh. Louisville & Nashville R. R.	6,070.10
U. S. Government Bonds	3,500.00

Certificates of Beneficial Interest	3,465.90
100 sh. Otis Elevator	4,205.58
60 sh. Sunshine Biscuits	4,243.08
305 Sh. George Putnam Fund	6,017.65
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	\$75,556.82
Market value of above on Dec. 31, 1954	\$103,063.18

#### Income, 1954

##### Dividends:

Cen. Vt. Public Service	\$ 124.50
Chase National Bank	367.40
Chemical Fund Inc.	134.00
Eaton & Howard Balanced Fund	187.24
Irving Trust Co. of N. Y.	260.00
Mass. Investors Trust	361.08
National Dairy Products	15.50
Nationwide Securities	282.36
N. H. Fire Insurance	280.00
Peerless Casualty Co,	150.00
Public Service of N. H.	100.50
United States Gov. Bonds	87.50
Inland Steel Co.	375.00
Louisville & Nashville R. R.	500.00
Otis Elevator	312.50
Sunshine Biscuits	240.00
George Putnam Fund	228.75
Interest from savings books	64.04

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\$4,070.37

#### Expenditures

Paid library treasurer	\$1,200.00
Paid to 12 widows	504.00
To Clarence Jardine, sexton	893.36
Work on Hoyt cemetery lot	130.00
To school treasurer from Swan fund:	
Jan. 2, 1954	\$19.67
Dec. 31, 1954	23.35

Total	43.02
Paid LaRock's General Repair Shop for repairing damaged gravestones	100.00
Paid General Casting Corp., new cemetery markers	154.50
Miscellaneous	9.80
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	\$3,034.68

# OVERSEER OF POOR

Oscar F. Adams

Name	Medical	Board & Care	Clothing	Food	Burial	Misc.	Fuel	Total
Nelson Benware	\$ 7.50		\$ 16.73	\$ 26.02		\$ 20.00	\$ 52.00	\$ 70.25
A. Blanchard	15.00	1,044.32						52.00
M. Hazelton					\$ 165.00			1,059.32
Lewis Heath	229.94							165.00
Ella King	175.15	294.00				25.00		229.94
Wm. Rowe		580.00		26.40	125.00		20.00	494.15
Grace Titus								725.00
Soldier								26.40
	\$ 427.59	\$1,918.32	\$ 16.73	\$ 52.42	\$ 290.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 72.00	\$2,822.06

Balance on hand in bank January 1, 1954

\$ 1.10

Received from selectmen

2,820.96

\$2,822.06

Received a Social Security Death Benefit of \$75.00 on Mrs. Grace Titus account. This amount turned over to Town Treasurer.

## TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

## 1951 Levy

## Dr.

Uncollected poll taxes Jan. 1st, 1954	\$ 10.00
Uncollected timber taxes Jan. 1st, 1954	26.90
Interest collected on timber taxes	4.73

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 \$ 41.63

## Cr.

Paid town treasurer	\$ 33.63
Uncollected poll taxes Dec. 31, 1954	8.00

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 \$ 41.63

## 1952 Levy

## Dr.

Uncollected poll taxes Jan. 1st, 1954	\$ 20.00
Penalties collected on poll taxes	1.00

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 \$ 21.00

## Cr.

Paid town treasurer	15.00
Uncollected poll taxes Dec. 31st, 1954	6.00

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 \$ 21.00

## 1953 Levy

## Dr.

Uncollected property taxes Jan. 1st, 1954	\$16,460.57
Uncollected poll taxes Jan. 1st, 1954	348.00
Uncollected head taxes Jan. 1st, 1954	1,130.00
Added head taxes	5.00
Uncollected timber taxes Jan. 1st, 1954	309.25
Interest and costs collected on property taxes	642.10
Penalties collected on poll taxes	28.80
Penalties collected on head taxes	96.00
Interest collected on timber taxes	5.71

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 \$19,025.43

## Cr.

Paid to town treasurer	\$18,812.23
Uncollected property taxes Dec. 31st, 1954	26.20
Uncollected poll taxes Dec. 31st, 1954	12.00
Head taxes abated	175.00

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 \$19,025.43

## 1954 Levy

Dr.

Property tax warrant	183,344.06
Added property taxes	154.00
Poll taxes warrant	2,128.00
Added poll taxes	10.00
Head tax warrant	6,590.00
Added head taxes	40.00
Timber tax warrant	627.38
Interest collected on property taxes	9.67
Penalties collected on poll taxes	42.00
Penalties collected on head taxes	16.05
Interest collected on timber taxes	0.00

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 \$192,961.16

Cr.

Paid town treasurer	\$163,673.45
Uncollected property taxes Dec. 31st, 1954	27,154.40
Uncollected poll taxes Dec. 31st, 1954	420.00
Uncollected head taxes Dec. 31st, 1954	1,375.00
Head taxes abated Dec. 31st, 1954	65.00
Uncollected timber taxes Dec. 31st, 1954	273.31

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 \$192,961.16

Respectfully submitted,

Walter G. Smith, Jr.

Tax Collector



## WATER COMMISSION

Report of the Secretary and Treasurer of the Water Commission.

In an attempt to bring our financial position on a sounder basis, the activities of the Water Department for the past year have been confined principally to the most essential of repairs.

The strict program of economy which we have been following has allowed us to reduce our outstanding liabilities to the point where it was necessary to use only \$1,200.00 of the \$2,300.00 voted at the last Town Meeting.

I believe this policy should continue through the coming year; further, that an increase of rates be made in the amount of 15% which will bring a return of approximately \$1,000.00 per year. This will allow us, in 1956, to again have money available for new projects. As near as I can determine, no general rate increase has been made in over 25 years.

A study of our collection system or water shed, in order to establish a long range program for the purpose of enlarging and improving our system, has been carried on with the aid of the State of New Hampshire Water Resources Board. At present, it does not seem advisable to undertake any major projects beyond a gradual installation of a metering system which will eventually develop a more equitable rate program, at the same time discouraging wasteful use of the water.

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## WATER COMMISSION

Rolfe L. Jacobs, Secretary and Treasurer

January 1, 1955

### Receipts 1954

Balance in Connecticut River National Bank	\$1,388.51
Received from D. V. Cahalane, water rentals	6,858.26
Received from Board of Selectmen (note)	1,200.00
Received from labor and supplies	510.82
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	\$9,957.59

### Disbursements 1954

Gay's Express, Inc.	\$ 50.63
William S. Fairbanks (gas)	118.51
O. W. Stevens (labor)	44.15
Charlestown Garage	75.00
Boston & Maine Railroad	5.00
Comstock, the Printer	44.20
Earl Putnam, labor and supplies	25.50
Brown Company	96.75



A. H. Streeter	86.55
Granite State Electric Co.	74.92
D. V. Cahalane, postage and supplies	31.06
F. W. Webb Company	390.45
H. R. Prescott & Son	2,208.35
Wirthmore Feed Company	10.82
Lambert Supply Company	276.49
Perry & Willard (bond)	10.00
Rick's Electric Shop	4.05
Bob's Esso Service	31.50
Hartford Oil Company	7.43
Bradford Price Book	15.00
Charles Millar & Son Company	275.45
Wallace & Tiernan, Inc.	250.48
H. P. Welch Company	6.40
W. S. Howland (attending chlorinator)	135.00
W. S. Darley & Company	8.23
George A. Caldwell	115.78
Claremont Publishing Company	10.26
Town of Charlestown	1,661.06
N. H. Water Works	5.00
Charlestown Post Office	2.00
St. Johnsbury Trucking, Inc.	25.50
Labor, 1954	2,632.54
Salaries: 1953-1954	680.00
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	\$9,414.06
Balance on hand January 1, 1955	543.53
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	\$9,957.59

Water Department—Collected for Labor and Supplies

Earl Putnam account	\$ 143.04
Clayton Brown	90.67
Arthur Whitcomb	37.56
N. E. Tel. & Tel.	13.37
Omer Ashe	28.44
Edward Sanderson	3.93
G. A. Bemis	21.68
General Castings Co.	55.39
Hazel Rice	61.43
V. Hutchinson	20.56
A. H. Streeter	32.25
H. Blake	2.50
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	\$ 510.82

## Uncollected for Labor and Supplies

1953	\$ 16.19
1954	51.82

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 \$ 68.01

## Water Department—Repair Parts and Supplies

Pipe, fittings and supplies	\$ 598.25
Meters	415.00
Pumps	172.00
Hoes, shovels, torches, pipe tools	175.00
Gate valves and 1 jackhammer	340.00
Two-thirds cost of truck	570.00
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	\$2,270.25

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 REPORT OF COLLECTOR OF WATER RENTS

Rents to be collected, 1954	\$7,423.40
Previous uncollected	1,690.82
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	\$9,114.22
Paid treasurer, R. L. Jacobs	\$6,934.97
Uncollected, 1954	1,475.54
Uncollected previous years	388.09
Cash on hand	315.62
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	\$9,114.22

DAVID V. CAHALANE, Collector

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 REPORT OF SEWER COMMISSION

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1954	\$2,647.62
Received from rentals	2,299.51
Received from Mrs. Alice Fisk	6.25

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 Total Receipts \$4,953.38

## Labor:

Rex Green	\$ 763.25
Ralph Bashaw	155.90
Curtis Hosley	134.20
Richard Wilder	31.90
Theron Maxham	27.50
Ernest Royce	4.00
Edgar Royce	6.00
Earl Putnam	4.50
Robert Barber	3.00
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	\$1,130.25

## Materials:

Geo. A. Caldwell Co.	\$	90.66
Wirthmore Feed Co.		10.10
City of Keene, N. H.		234.00
Town of Springfield		6.00
Perkins, Bassett & Wright Co.		14.82
	<hr/>	\$ 355.58

## Labor and Materials:

O. W. Stevens	\$	10.75
A. H. & R. H. Streeter		28.60
	<hr/>	\$ 39.35

Walter G. Smith, Jr., collector 98.00

## Town of Charlestown, N. H.

For W. G. Smith, FICA		
For Rex Green, FICA		
For Rex Green, W. Tax		118.37
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Total Payments \$1,741.55

Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1954 \$3,211.83

## Uncollected Sewer Charges:

Uncollected labor and materials, 1947	\$	10.35
Uncollected labor and materials, 1949		35.70
Uncollected labor and materials, 1951		40.36
Uncollected labor and materials, 1952		58.14
Uncollected labor and materials, 1954		77.80

## Sewer Department Equipment and Supplies

Sewer pipe and fittings	\$	50.00
Sewer tools		600.00
Hoes, shovels and torches		20.00
Miscellaneous		45.00
One-third cost of truck		285.00
	<hr/>	\$1,000.00

## Sewer Tax Report

1951 Levy

Dr.

Uncollected sewer taxes Jan. 1, 1954	\$	27.00
Interest collected on sewer taxes		.29
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Cr.	
Paid sewer commissioners	\$ 21.29
Uncollected sewer taxes	6.00
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	\$ 27.29
1952 Levy—	
Dr.	
Uncollected sewer taxes Jan. 1, 1954	\$ 64.00
Interest collected on sewer taxes	.76
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	\$ 64.76
Cr.	
Paid sewer commissioners	\$ 58.76
Uncollected sewer taxes	6.00
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	\$ 64.76
1953 Levy—	
Dr.	
Uncollected sewer taxes Jan. 1, 1954	\$ 185.00
Interest collected on sewer taxes	6.04
Cash balance on hand Jan. 1, 1954	6.00
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	\$ 197.04
Cr.	
Paid sewer commissioners	\$ 191.04
Overpayment by tax collector to sewer commis-	
sioners on 1953 levy	6.00
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	\$ 197.04
1954 Levy—	
Dr.	
Sewer tax warrant	\$2,289.00
Interest collected on sewer taxes	.15
Labor and supplies collected on sewer connections	87.77
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	\$2,376.92
Cr.	
Paid sewer commissioners	\$2,028.42
Uncollected sewer taxes Dec. 31, 1954	348.50
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	\$2,376.92

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER G. SMITH, JR.,

Tax Collector

## SILSBY FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY REPORT

### Report of Librarian

#### Circulation for 1954:

Adult books, fiction	11,701
Juvenile books, fiction	6,597
Non-fiction, adult and juvenile	1,500
Periodicals	898

Total circulation		20,696
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Number of books owned	10,576
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Number of books discarded	60
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Total number of books owned	10,516
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#### Number of books added by purchase

Adult fiction	190
Juvenile fiction	146
Non-fiction	54
	390

#### Number of books added by gifts

Adult fiction	56
Juvenile fiction	6
Non-fiction	30
	92

Total number of books owned	10,998
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RUTH S. DAVIDSON, Librarian

### Treasurer's Report for 1954

#### Receipts

Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1953	\$ 377.81
Town appropriation	1,200.00
Trustees of trust fund	1,200.00
Sale of books	103.00
Received from fines	34.09
	\$2,914.90
Forsyth gift non-recurring	\$ 500.00

**Disbursements**

Books	\$ 788.65
Magazines	54.40
Supplies	437.55
Fuel	129.04
Lights	60.16
Insurance	53.00
Librarian's salary	455.00
Janitor's salary	340.00
F. W. Hamlin Fund, balance on hand	91.05
Amortization for insurance	155.00
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	\$2,573.85
Balance in bank Dec. 31, 1954	341.05
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	\$2,914.90
Forsythe gift in Walpole Savings Bank	\$500.00

E. P. BARBER, Treasurer

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**AUDITORS' REPORT**

February 4, 1955

We, the undersigned Auditors of the Town of Charlestown, have examined the accounts as set forth in the accompanying schedules of the Selectmen, Town Treasurer, Treasurer of the Silsby Free Public Library, Water Commissioners, Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Trustees of Trust Funds, and other Town Officers, and find them correct to the best of our knowledge.

CHARLES F. ELLIOTT  
ALTA G. CURRIER  
ROMAINE F. BACON

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**REPORT OF THE HEALTH OFFICER, 1954**

The contagious diseases were mumps, measles, whooping cough.

The water at Charlestown and North Charlestown has been submitted to the State Department of Health for tests and is reported satisfactory.

E. PECKHAM BARBER, Health Officer

## REPORT OF THE TOWN HISTORY COMMITTEE

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The manuscript for the new History of Charlestown is completed and ready for the printer. It is anticipated that the cost will be well within the bond issue authorized by the town for the purpose. The committee will begin to take orders this spring and the books will be ready late in September.

MARTHA FRIZZELL

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## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE FUTURE IMPROVEMENT OF CHARLESTOWN

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During the past year we have held meetings at which were discussed items pertaining to the betterment of Charlestown.

We wish to thank the Selectmen for their aid in helping our committee and for their attendance at our meetings.

Among the many subjects discussed, the following were the uppermost:

- Water and its distribution
- Combining of water and sewer department
- New cemetery
- Combining of town offices
- Town manager
- Town lighting

State engineers have been in town during the past year, and having made a study of the water situation, have made the following comments:

"Installation of meters on all services, possibly over a period of years. All new services should have meters installed and as many old services changed as possible until all are metered. In some places, as much as 50% reduction in consumption has resulted. At present, the average customer, industrial, commercial and residential, uses 11,700 cubic feet per annum. Probably a revision in rates would increase the revenue for installing meters out of yearly revenue.

"Raising of Hall Pond by 3 feet which would more than double its present storage. This would require lengthening the main dam from 225 to about 375 feet and lengthening the dike from 100 feet to 130 feet. This would increase the storage by 35 acre-feet or 11 million gallons—about 90 days supply at present consumption. This raising of Hall Pond in conjunction with metering all services should provide adequate water for many years

to come. This plan should be thoroughly investigated in conjunction with the other suggestions as to economic feasibility before it is executed, however

“Raising of the Upper Dam by five feet should increase the storage from 1.8 million gallons to 4.4 million gallons, and increase in storage to care for three weeks of present use. This method with metering would help the storage appreciably. The dam would have to be raised and strengthened somewhat, however.

“Construction of a new storage reservoir, on a tributary coming in from the north of Upper Reservoir and about one mile above it near the end of wood road as shown on the U. S. Geological Survey map, could increase the storage even more than raising Hall Pond. This has a drainage area of 720 acres, 50% greater than that of Hall Pond. This location has not been checked in the field due to snow but should be considered in any plan for increasing storage. It might require a 12 ft. high dam 400 ft. long.”

Having studied the above comments, we, the committee, recommend that the water commission raise the rates on water rent as deemed necessary.

We recommend that one person run for the following offices: tax collector, water commissioner, and town clerk, in order to combine these offices to localize the services.

We further recommend that the water and sewer departments be combined under the supervision of the Selectmen.

The Granite State Electric Company has continued to replace old street lighting fixtures and will continue to do so wherever necessary.

Study was made on the town manager form of government but too little information available as yet for a report. Will continue the study during the next year.

Our final recommendation for the year is that further work be done on the new cemetery, to continue the good work as in the past year.

HAROLD K. MOFFATT, Chairman  
VERNE BRADISH  
R. L. JACOBS  
THEODORE FRIZZELL  
ERNEST HENNIS  
CEDRIC LUMBRA  
NOYES STICKNEY



# SCHOOL REPORT

District of  
CHARLESTOWN, N. H.

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## SCHOOL PERSONNEL, 1954-55

Moderator  
MARTHA M. FRIZZELL

Clerk  
BEATRICE OLDEN

School Board	
DANA E. OLDEN	Term expires 1955
MONTFORD SAYCE	Term expires 1956
PEARL FARMAN	Term expires 1957

Treasurer  
BEATRICE OLDEN

Auditors  
WALTER O'HEARNE                      CHARLES ELLIOTT

Union Nurse  
FLORENCE MACIVER

Union Clerk  
MARION BRADISH

Superintendent of Schools  
RALPH H. MEACHAM

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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To the School Board and Citizens of Charlestown:

I herewith submit my third annual report as Superintendent of Schools.

### Administrative and Professional Staff

Mr. Waldo Streeter accepted a position in the public school system of Darien, Connecticut, and, after screening and interviewing some twenty candidates, Mr. John Herbert was nominated and elected to fill the position of principal at the high school. Mr. Herbert's eight highly successful years as teacher-coach in Charlestown have contributed immeasurably to his ability to successfully make the transition to administrator. He has also continued to teach mathematics and coach the boys' varsity basketball team.

Mr. Paul Fako, Jr., a graduate with a master's degree in Physical Education from Springfield College, teaching experience in Plainfield, Connecticut, and at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D. C., was employed to teach and expand the physical education program. He has coached girls' basketball, boys' junior varsity and junior high basketball. He has carried on a limited physical education program at the Holden School. In the fall he coached the boys' cross-country team, and it is expected that he will try to include golf and tennis during the spring season. To add to the regular classroom load, he is teaching biology.

Miss Mary E. Weber, a graduate of Russell Sage College, with a master's degree in languages from Middlebury College, was employed to teach English, Latin and Spanish. Miss Weber has had ten years' teaching experience in New York State and attended the University of New Hampshire during the summer of 1954. Miss Weber has strengthened the English-Language department and has done well in coaching dramatic presentations. She has supervised the school library.

Miss Elizabeth Annis was employed to replace Miss Virginia Bonner, who was married during the summer. Miss Annis, a graduate of Plymouth College, has had three years' experience at Sunapee. Miss Annis, in addition to teaching the commercial subjects, maintains the school financial accounts. She is in charge of duplicating and mimeographing the newspapers and activities programs for plays, music, winter carnival and commencement exercises. She is an efficient teacher and a most enthusiastic supporter of school affairs.

Mrs. Beatrice Bovers, a graduate of New Jersey Teachers College, with fifteen years in the public schools of New Jersey, was employed to replace Miss Dorothy Jane Sayce in the junior high school. Miss Sayce was married and is now teaching in the Newton, Massachusetts, school system. Mrs. Bovers' many years of teaching experience have been put to use most successfully in Charlestown. She has also assumed the responsibility of advising the pupils in the publication of the school newspaper.

We miss the many services of Miss Sayce in teaching dancing, coaching girls' sports and her other associations with the boys and girls of Charlestown.

Mr. Alan Davis, a graduate of Keene Teachers College, with teaching experience in Peterborough and Enfield, was employed to teach mathematics and science in the junior high school. He replaced Mr. Lawrence Reney who had completed the year for Mr. Frank Weaver. Mr. Davis is teaching business arithmetic in the high school, and was in charge of the winter carnival skiing events. It is expected that he will assist with the sports program in the spring.

Mr. George Brown, a graduate of the University of New Hampshire, who has also obtained a master's degree in Education from the University of New Hampshire and attended the University of London and Harvard University, was employed to replace Mr. Elmer Gould. Mr. Gould moved to California where he is teaching a sixth grade class. Mr. Brown is teaching the sixth grade at the Holden School and is acting principal of the Holden School and Stucco Building. He has had teaching experience in Wrentham and Arlington, Massachusetts. He is a very energetic and enthusiastic teacher and administrator. It is largely due to his activity that a Parent-Teacher Organization has been formed for the elementary grades. I believe he has fulfilled the administrative position very capably even though he succeeded an experienced person such as Mr. Gould.

Mrs. Doris Blodgett returned to teaching in Charlestown when Mr. Henry Bresell resigned. She is teaching the fifth grade at the Holden School.

The school board and your superintendent feel that we have been most fortunate in securing experienced teachers to replace those who have left. The growing shortage of teachers makes it more difficult each year to find replacements.

We believe there is a definite need to add a remedial teacher to the staff, this teacher to work especially in the field of reading and arithmetic for all grade levels.

With a change in administration at both the high and elementary schools, the fact that most of our experienced teachers remained in Charlestown, and continued to teach effectively and to supervise or give instruction in the extra curricula activities, has been of extreme importance to you as citizens. The real values are exemplified in the education of our boys and girls.

There will be changes next year with Miss Susie Benway retiring and other teachers changing within the system or moving to other school systems.

### **Buildings**

#### **High School:**

The junior-senior high school building received attention of the painter in the cafeteria, boys' basement, and the teacher-nurse's room. A sound-proof ceiling was installed in the music room, and windows were installed between the kitchen and serving-room of the cafeteria. Steps were installed leading from the parking area near the shop to a diagonal walk leading to the south entrance of the building. Spotlights and a lamp-post were installed to better illuminate this entrance at night.

Four backboards were installed in the gymnasium, and the bandstand was enlarged for the summer concerts. The play area at the rear of the gymnasium was further graded and partially surfaced. Plans are made to complete this work in the spring. Radiators were moved from the music room to the office practice room and others were installed in the nurse-teachers' room.

The building was thoroughly cleaned during the summer.

#### **Holden School:**

The hallways, one room and parts of two others were painted in addition to the usual cleaning, sealing and waxing of floors. Curtains and windows were repaired and the furnace cleaned. Screens, drinking fountains and desks were repaired.

#### **Stucco Building:**

The front porch, steps and toilet-room floors were painted. The stairwell leading to the kindergarten room was painted. The rooms and windows were cleaned and floors cleaned, sealed and waxed. The furnace was checked and cleaned. Mr. Clarence Ellis has been janitor of these buildings but left in February to return to work in the machine shop.

#### **Farwell School:**

The two classrooms and hall were completely redecorated and floors cleaned, sealed and waxed. Screens were added to some windows.

### Recommendations

It is most gratifying to look at the two previous reports and find that most of the recommended additions and improvements have been completed. Installation of additional fencing, backboards, shop equipment, walks, steps, sound system, ceilings and bandstand have been effected. The playground is receiving attention. A new bus was purchased.

To further facilitate effective teaching and development of the school program, I recommend the following:

1. A committee to investigate the need within the next two years of additional elementary classrooms.
2. The purchase of land adjacent to the swimming pool for development as an athletic field.
3. Purchase of additional equipment for the gymnasium to facilitate the teaching of physical education.
4. Expenditure of money to further develop the elementary and high school libraries.
5. The employment of a remedial teacher.
6. Development of the shop and other programs to include adult evening or Saturday classes.
7. Continued evaluation and examination of our program of studies by both the professional staff and lay citizen's groups.

May I again call your attention to the need for additional state and federal aid for the support of education. The budget for next year reflects the increased costs in terms of books, supplies, salaries, equipment and fixed charges such as retirement and insurance. These increases will be felt even more acutely by the taxpayers unless state aid is voted by the present Legislature. Charlestown received approximately \$25,000 this year. We need about \$33,000 next year to prevent a rise in tax assessment. General aid, flat grant, building and transportation aid would all benefit Charlestown.

The other towns in Union No. 5 are just as urgently in need of this aid. Cornish completed a \$120,000 elementary school for occupancy in September. Unity completed a \$65,000 elementary school in February, and the Goshen-Lempster Cooperative School District expect to vote a \$60,000 building in March. The building programs continue to usurp much of your superintendent's time.

May I express my sincere appreciation for a cooperative and hard working school board, teaching staff and custodians. May I also express appreciation to the citizens for their interest and financial support.

Respectfully submitted,

RALPH H. MEACHAM, Superintendent



## HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

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For the past five months most of the activities of Charles-town High School have been of a traditional nature. However, we are constantly striving to evaluate the quality of the activity whenever possible.

In view of conflicting philosophies, we are placing our major emphasis on the academic program. It is our hope that the other activities can be used to increase the effectiveness of, and not take the place of, our academic program. Whenever practical, we try to increase participation, to educate the whole child and to evaluate the participation in terms of changes which are taking place in each student.

Essentially, there have been no basic changes in the program of studies. Every attempt is made to give each student the exact subjects of his or her choice. Of course, there are cases when a limited school day and faculty personnel make conflicts unavoidable.

Every student, who can schedule without conflict, is required to take two periods of physical education per week. In this program, emphasis is placed not only on physical fitness, but also the social value of sports and playing together. Physical examinations, given by Dr. Willard and Miss MacIver, are fundamental to the success of this program as well as the physical welfare of each individual. The efficiency of the gym was greatly increased by the four side backboards which were installed by Mr. O. W. Stevens.

In terms of a long range program, we are attempting to re-organize our offerings in mathematics and English. Starting with the present sophomore class, a student will be able to elect an added year of mathematics. The four year program will consist of two years of algebra, one year of geometry, one-half year of trigonometry and one-half year of advanced mathematics. The English teachers are working with representatives of the elementary school, under the supervision of Mr. Meacham, in an attempt to organize the English courses. On the junior high level, we have increased the length of the mathematics period and will try to increase the time devoted to English.

Mr. Meacham and the school board have staffed the school with a well qualified and cooperative faculty which is considered, by many authorities, to be the most essential factor in any educational program. Parents and students are well aware of the many hours of planning and supervision which the teachers devote to school activities. The faculty members have willingly accepted their present extra-curricular assignments and have

made the activities an interesting and worthwhile experience for the students who participate.

The commercial department has been very efficient in the keeping of all school and hot lunch accounts, as well as its work in the distribution and recording of tuberculosis seals, March of Dimes and the periodical school reports.

The music department continues to be recognized as one of the best small school organizations and made a very favorable impression on members of the State Teachers Association at their centennial in Manchester last fall.

The yearbook production, "The Blue and Gold", has reached the point where it has traditional value and is a production of which each class is very proud. It requires considerable planning for a commendable production and the students are encouraged to start thinking in terms of material for their yearbook during their first year of high school.

The Projector Club furnishes each class with two qualified projector operators who have been trained in the care and use of this equipment. The visual aids department and the Projector Club spend many hours keeping records on films, equipment and serving the school needs in a program which is very influential in presenting the student with new insights to increase the efficiency of learning.

The student council has continued to be a very active and responsible student organization. In addition to the routine magazine drive and school calendar for social events, they have sponsored a council-conducted morning study hall which is of benefit to students who wish to come to school and be admitted for study in the morning. One section of the council is an important part of the winter carnival committee and the other section is making an interesting study of a plan for increased student participation in assembly programs.

I feel indebted to many teachers, parents, students and organizations for their support of our program. We are fortunate in having an experienced group of cafeteria workers who add to the program of the school by preparing a hot lunch at a moderate price, and an experienced custodian who knows the importance of keeping the building in good condition and who is a very understanding friend of the students. Several girls devote their study periods to assist with minor office routine. I would like to recognize Mr. Streeter as being very influential in our present program and to thank Mr. Meacham and Mrs. Bradish for contributing much of their time and for the benefit of their experience.



It is our constant aim to do our utmost to repay the community with a worthy citizen who will be a credit to the schools of Charlestown and a contribution to the community and society.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN HERBERT, Principal

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## HOLDEN SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

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It is customary in writing yearly reports to consider some aspect of education in the opening remarks. In this report let us get at the very root of the thing, that which embraces all the varied aspects of education, i. e. why do we have schools? Too often we take some things for granted and schools frequently suffer from this complacency. If, however, you do think a little about this question, the difficulty of finding a pat answer is soon apparent. There is not one answer, but a combination of many answers. We want our children to learn the three R's, to get good jobs, maybe go to college, learn to think for themselves, get along with others, have friends, be happy, be good citizens—all these things and many more.

Yet, these answers are not as simple as they at first appear. Let us examine just one of these aims—**be good citizens**. We have lots of words that go along with good citizenship: democracy, the right to vote, paying taxes, freedom, duty, our heritage, tolerance, patriotism, etc. These are fine words and we are indeed fortunate to be able to use them to describe citizenship in our country, but again we are too often complacent about them and their real meaning. To be specific, will being a citizen in Charlestown in ten or twenty years be the same as we know it today? What can we do about these changes? Are changes inevitable? Can we stop these changes? Is it even worth bothering about? These are some of the questions that center about only one of the phases of just one of the many aims we have for our schools. Each could be similarly developed.

We at the Holden and Stucco Schools feel that all these questions are important. We are pleased that our new Parent-Teacher Organization will enable us to work together with you on some of these questions. We always welcome visitors and are encouraged by their interest in what we are trying to do. We want to combine the best of the old with that of the new which might help us in our teaching.

As a group, we are re-examining language and arithmetic in our curriculum. As individuals, we are constantly looking for ways to improve our teaching. From a new principal's viewpoint, let me say that Charlestown is very fortunate in having fine elementary teachers. They display a high standard of teaching, are cooperative and are sincerely concerned with the education of their pupils.

Because of the combustible nature of the Holden School, we have stressed fire drills at every opportunity. The building can be emptied in forty-five seconds. However, if the main stairway which is used by three of the upstairs rooms, is blocked, it takes around three minutes to clear the second story.

A Correspondents Club, under the direction of Mrs. Harold Blodgett, was organized this year. This group sends a weekly news report of school activities to newspapers in this area.

We have increased our film program, taking advantage of the many fine educational films available at very low cost. Mr. Harold Woodward has done an excellent job as audio-visual director for the school.

The teachers have furnished and decorated by themselves a small room in the basement for a teachers' room. It is very homey and makes a pleasant place for teachers' meetings.

Looking to the future, we are disturbed by the crowded conditions which seem inevitable. Even now, three of our rooms are near to bursting. This means, of course, that the teacher cannot give individual children the time and the help they need. It is the children who suffer.

In closing, I would like to thank all those who have helped us this year. The Mothers' Club gift of books for our library is much appreciated. Mrs. Ruth Davidson of the town library has been especially cooperative with teachers and children.

Again let me extend a cordial invitation to you to visit us. You are always welcome.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE I. BROWN, Principal

## SCHOOL NURSE'S REPORT

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In 1833 a law was passed in France requiring school committees of towns and cities to keep school houses clean. From this very simple but necessary beginning, stem our present day school health services.

What are school health services?

School health services are procedures established: (a) to appraise the health status of pupils; (b) to advise pupils, parents and others of the appraisal findings; (c) to encourage correction of remediable defects; (d) to assist in the identification and education of handicapped children; (e) to help prevent and control disease; (f) to provide necessary emergency service for injury and sudden illness.

Our modern school deals with the physical, mental, emotional and social development of each pupil. Gone is the day when the school was primarily concerned with the facts a child memorized. The desire now is health, happiness and foundation for a useful life.

Certain health services help parents and school personnel to become acquainted with the health problems of children, and provide a means of helping children obtain solutions for their problems. For example, vision and hearing tests assist in determining the degree to which a child may benefit from his school experiences. As child health is improved, other aspects of school endeavor are more successful. To learn effectively, children need good health.

Unquestionably one of the most important factors in carrying out our health program effectively is the very fine cooperation and understanding which you, as parents and interested individuals, have given it.

It is a great pleasure to work with you, and a very rewarding experience to work with your children. Thank you for your cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

FLORENCE MACIVER, R. N.

# PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Expenditures	Actual Exp'tures 1953-54	Budget 1954-55	Estimated Exp'tures 1954-55	Proposed Budget 1955-56
Administration:	\$	\$	\$	\$
Salaries of district officers	463.00	465.00	465.00	465.00
Superintendent's salary (local share)	1,102.50	1,519.00	1,641.50	1,608.00
Tax for state wide supervision	1,098.00	1,114.00	1,114.00	1,130.00
Salaries of other administrative personnel	808.75	953.00	953.00	936.00
Supplies and expenses	1,361.43	1,175.00	1,175.00	1,234.00
Instruction:				
Teachers' salaries, high	20,227.70	23,313.00	23,013.00	26,705.00
Teachers' salaries, elem.	50,463.90	55,687.00	54,987.00	59,845.00
Books and other instructional aids, high	380.77	500.00	300.00	500.00
Books and other instructional aids, elem.	965.69	1,000.00	900.00	1,300.00
Scholars' supplies, high	866.26	1,000.00	1,200.00	800.00
Scholars' supplies, elem.	1,260.63	1,500.00	1,700.00	2,100.00
Supplies and other expenses, high	314.59	600.00	400.00	500.00
Supplies and other expenses, elem.	227.33	600.00	500.00	500.00
Operation of School Plant:				
Salaries of janitors, high	1,686.63	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Salaries of janitors, elem.	3,840.18	4,400.00	4,400.00	4,800.00
Fuel or heat, high	1,107.36	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Fuel or heat, elem.	3,003.65	3,000.00	3,000.00	2,850.00
Water, light, supplies and expenses, high	1,337.78	1,300.00	1,400.00	1,400.00
Water, light, supplies and expenses, elem.	1,563.27	1,600.00	1,700.00	1,600.00
Maintenance of School Plant:				
Repairs and replacements, high	1,800.55	1,000.00	1,400.00	1,075.00
Repairs and replacements, elem.	2,017.54	1,320.00	1,600.00	1,165.00

	Auxiliary Activities:		
	Actual Exp'tures 1953-54	Budget 1954-55	Estimated Exp'tures 1954-55
Health supervision, high	240.21	215.00	215.00
Health supervision, elem.	1,550.26	1,500.00	1,500.00
Transportation, high	1,739.63	2,000.00	2,000.00
Transportation, elem.	7,411.42	8,500.00	8,500.00
Special activities and special funds, high	168.35	250.00	100.00
Special activities and special funds, elem.	24.68	250.00	100.00
School lunch	1,051.38		
Fixed Charges:			
Retirement, high	950.94	1,800.00	1,800.00
Retirement, elem.	3,803.75	3,611.10	3,611.10
Insurance, treas. bonds & expenses, high	265.06	800.00	800.00
Insurance, treas. bonds & expenses, elem.	979.86	900.00	900.00
Capital Outlay:			
Lands and new buildings, high		350.00	350.00
Additions and improvements, high	250.00	800.00	800.00
Additions and improvements, elem.	950.00		
New equipment, high	213.19	1,565.00	1,565.00
New equipment, elem.	852.74	1,000.00	1,000.00
Debt and Interest:			
Principal of debt	11,000.00	11,000.00	11,000.00
Interest on debt	3,748.50	3,517.50	3,517.50
Totals	\$131,097.48	\$144,104.60	\$143,607.10
			\$151,015.90

# RECEIPTS

Balance (actual or estimated)

State aid

Federal aid (school lunch)

Trust funds

Tuition

Other

DISTRICT ASSESSMENT

Total Appropriation

Actual Receipts 1953-54	Budget 1954-55	Estimated Receipts 1954-55	Proposed Budget 1955-56
\$ 31.25		\$ 2.76	\$ 500.26
29,745.52	25,793.86	25,793.86	
1,389.23	250.00	250.00	250.00
19.67			
950.00	860.00	860.00	860.00
1,589.24	800.00	800.00	800.00
97,375.33	116,400.74	116,400.74	148,605.64
<u>\$131,100.24</u>	<u>\$144,104.60</u>	<u>\$144,107.36</u>	<u>\$151,015.90</u>

## Superintendent's Salary

Acworth

Charlestown

Cornish

Croyden

Goshen

Langdon

\$ 171.50

1,102.50

465.50

147.00

122.50

122.50

Lempester  
Unity

122.50

196.00

\$2,450.00

3,250.00

\$5,700.00



## REPORT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER

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For the Fiscal Year July 1, 1953 to June 30, 1954

Cash on hand July 1, 1953 (treasurer's bank balance)	\$	31.25
Received from Selectmen:		
Current appropriation	\$96,375.33	
Special appropriation	1,000.00	
Received from state treasurer		
State funds	31,163.40	
Received from tuitions	950.00	
Received as income from trust funds	19.67	
Received from all other sources	1,485.99	
		\$130,994.39
Total Receipts		\$130,994.39
Total amount available for fiscal year (balance and receipts)		\$131,025.64
Less school board orders paid		\$131,022.88
Balance on hand June 30, 1954 (treasurer's bank balance)	\$	2.76

BEATRICE OLDEN, Treasurer

July 8, 1954.

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## AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE

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This is to certify that we have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Charlestown of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1954 and find them correct in all respects.

WALTER D. O'HEARNE  
CHARLES F. ELLIOTT  
Auditors

July 8, 1954.

## SCHOOL WARRANT

### State of New Hampshire

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To the inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Charlestown qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said district on the twelfth day of March, 1955, at two o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the ensuing year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and fix the compensation of any other officers or agent of the district.
6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
7. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.
8. To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the state equalization fund, together with other income; the school board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town.
9. To see if the district will authorize the school board to appropriate receipts from federal lunch reimbursements, tuition, gifts and any other receipts from miscellaneous sources, in addition to the original appropriation for 1955-56, for the lunch program, general expenses, equipment and improvements.
10. To see what sum of money the district will vote to raise and appropriate for the purchase of band uniforms.



11. To see if the school district will vote to adopt a plan for extending to employees of the school district the benefits of title II of the Federal Social Security Act (Old Age and Survivor's Insurance) as authorized by Chapter 234 of the Laws of 1951 and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$160.00 to defray the school district's share of the cost thereof.

12. If the foregoing article is adopted, to see if the school district will authorize the school board to execute on behalf of the school district the necessary agreement with the State of New Hampshire to carry into effect the plan and to see if the school district will designate the school district treasurer as the officer to be responsible for the administration of the plan.

13. To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money as a contingency fund to provide for unanticipated expenses for the school year 1955-56.

14. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

# Vital Statistics

REGISTERED IN THE

TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN

NEW HAMPSHIRE

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

DECEMBER 31, 1954

Births Registered in the Town of Charlestown, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1954

Date	Place of Birth	Name of Child	No.	Name of Father	Name of Mother
Jan. 2	Springfield, Vt.	Scott Mathew Wardwell	3	Ivon Frank Wardwell	Ethelyn Melba Chase
3	Springfield, Vt.	Michael Leslie Royce	1	Malcolm Carl Royce	Beverly Ann Barber
4	Springfield, Vt.	Mona Rae Morris	1	Allen Lenord Morris	Eunice Mae Bashaw
5	Springfield, Vt.	Deborah Ann Frohock	1	Charles Ernest Frohock	Barbara Eda Valentine
6	Springfield, Vt.	Cathleen Ann Carley	1	James Gerard Carley	Alice Mary Rushmore
13	Claremont, N. H.	Catherine Mae Bechok	4	Peter Bechok	Priscilla Hutchins
14	Springfield, Vt.	Joann Mary LaJoyce	4	Joseph Louis LaJoyce	Alice Mary Gilligan
18	Springfield, Vt.	Julie Ann Adams	3	Rodney Lewis Adams	Fay Anne Royce
21	Springfield, Vt.	Faye Elizabeth Patria	2	Leander Stephen Patria	Lillian Elizabeth Wyman
22	Claremont, N. H.	Irene Rebecca Thurston	1	Charles R. Thurston	Melvina Joan Houle
29	Springfield, Vt.	Karlene Beth Cornell	1	Allen Douglas Cornell	Karin Marie Nelson
29	Rutland, Vt.	Kevin Jay Barrett	2	Edward Francis Barrett	Juanita Anna Upton
Feb. 3	Charlestown, N. H.	Donna Marie Kennett	5	Leslie Bradford Kennett	Yvette Mary Tremblay
6	Windsor, Vt.	Andrea Lorraine Ellis	4	Wesley James Ellis	Ruth Irene Conley
20	Bellows Falls, Vt.	John Francis Beaudry	1	Albert Edgar McDonald	Veronique M. T. Beaudry
22	Claremont, N. H.	Alice Marie McDonald	4	Gerald Lord	Arlene Lyndall Owen
22	Claremont, N. H.	Charles William Lord	1	Denison W. Miner	Nellie Baxter
19	Springfield, Vt.	Alden Arnold Miner	4	Harry Eugene Nelson	Mary Augusta Manning
27	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Eric Eugene Nelson	2	Kurt Howard Foshey	Helen Ann Pearson
Mar. 6	Springfield, Vt.	Joseph Michael Foshey	1	Alfred Omer Ashe	Thelma Jean Bradish
9	Springfield, Vt.	Susan Charlene Ashe	3	John Russell Tibbetts, Jr.	Ada Mae Snowden
12	Claremont, N. H.	John Russell Tibbetts, Jr.	6	Francis David Auger	Violet May Williams
16	Springfield, Vt.	Mary Ellen Auger	3		Lucelle Lorene Palmer

Date	Place of Birth	Name of Child	No.	Name of Father	Name of Mother
22	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Edward George Blodgett	5	Frederick Milton Blodgett	Rita Jane Kenney
30	Kecene, N. H.	Pamela Diane Lankhorst	3	Lawrence Lankhorst	Alma Doris Cobb
Apr. 6	Hanover, N. H.	Stuart Allen Hooker	1	Allen Noble Hooker	Anne Whipple Lincoln
9	Springfield, Vt.	Fay Ronald Colburn	15	Hugh Wayne Colburn	Clara Edith DeCell
10	Bellows Falls, Vt.	John Herbert Laplante	3	Raymond Oliver Laplante	Virginia Ruth Westcott
11	Springfield, Vt.	Todd Victor Langevin	3	Alcide Gerard Langevin	Barbara Alice Morris
17	Claremont, N. H.	Joann A. Daniels	3	Alfred Joseph Daniels	Josephine Betty Fleury
May 8	Springfield, Vt.	Jeffrey Carl Burnap	2	Carl Russell Burnap	Catherine Violet Dandrow
24	Springfield, Vt.	Linda Suzanne Reinhardt	3	Albert Joseph Reinhardt	Ollive Pauline Duffy
June 4	Claremont, N. H.	Alexander Joseph Bolaski, Jr.	3	Alexander Joseph Bolaski	Pearl Louise Brown
7	Springfield, Vt.	Frank Ronnie Hendrickson	11	Henry A. Hendrickson	Beatrice L. Hastings
11	Rutland, Vt.	Lawrence Andrew Fusco	1	Louis Secondino Fusco, Jr.	Angeline Raphael Marotti
13	Claremont, N. H.	Penelope Jo Coull	3	Ernest Frank Coull	Joyce Gladys Lombard
20	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Janet Marie Fisk	6	Cecil Ernest Fisk	Leona Elizabeth Lundin
20	Springfield, Vt.	Susan Mary Merrill	4	Hercy Alvin Merrill	Martha Anne Moynihan
July 1	Springfield, Vt.	Brian Christian Conant	4	David Perry Conant	Aune Lillian Lepisto
2	Claremont, N. H.	Lawrence Wynn Gray	4	Leonard Walter Gray	Mary Helen Reindeau
3	Springfield, Vt.	Rogene Gail Flanders	4	Eugene Clifford Flanders	Myrtle Emma Wright
20	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Sidney Ovila Tetreault	3	Joseph Wallace Tetreault	Eleanor Zeta McCarthy
20	Claremont, N. H.	Kenneth Archie Bemis	1	Howard Ernest Bemis	Ann Densmore
22	Springfield, Vt.	Reginald Frank Bailey	2	Francis Melvin Bailey	Cynthia Elaine Martin
27	Springfield, Vt.	Scott Wayne Sylvester	2	Albert A. Sylvester	Joyce S. Davidson
30	Springfield, Vt.	Brian Robb Dickey	3	David Vernon Dickey	Elizabeth Nesmith Blackstock
Aug. 18	Springfield, Vt.	Duncan Jon Harrington	4	Donald George Harrington	Mildred Rosalie Locke

Date	Place of Birth	Name of Child	No.	Name of Father	Name of Mother
Sept. 8	Claremont, N. H.	Lynn Mary Hussey	1	Lloyd Herbert Hussey	Mary Eva Hussey
17	Claremont, N. H.	Ricky Simon Blake	2	Simon Charles Blake	Emma Helen Schondube
21	Springfield, Vt.	Janis Mae Fish	2	Frank Douglas Fish	Viola Rachel Olson
Oct. 8	Springfield, Vt.	Alan Hale Davis, Jr.	1	Alan Hale Davis	Anna Dora LaBill
25	Springfield, Vt.	Richard Neil Carter	5	David Lloyd Carter	Hazel Louise Morrow
Nov. 8	Claremont, N. H.	Judith Lynn Stoodley	2	Louis Franklin Stoodley	Gertrude Elizabeth Parsons
Oct. 17	Claremont, N. H.	Henry Leon Farnsworth, 3rd	1	Henry Leon Farnsworth	Eldora Eva Nelson
Nov. 2	Springfield, Vt.	Diane Mary Bean	1	Frank Martin Bean	Mary Patricia Keement
4	Springfield, Vt.	Kathleen Louise Bascom	6	Horace Nelson Bascom	Marion Louise Hutchins
5	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Nancy Lee Bascom	1	Charles Harvey Bascom	Lois Eva Grant
8	Springfield, Vt.	Donald Steven Kinson	2	Donald Francis Kinson	Barbara Lee Ripley
13	Springfield, Vt.	Martha Lee Russell	4	Dayton Edwin Russell	Doris Laura Merrill
27	Claremont, N. H.	Gary Walter Bigelow	6	Chester Row Bigelow	Mabel Una Osgood
27	Claremont, N. H.	Dale Vicki Kennett	11	Gordon Burt Kennett	Soloma Irene Lamphere
28	Springfield, Vt.	Elizabeth Page Kidder	1	Nathaniel Remington Kidder	Elise Page Skylstead
Dec. 12	Springfield, Vt.	Linda Mae Parkhurst	4	Dennis Childs Parkhurst	Shirley Iona Utton
24	Springfield, Vt.	Ruth Evelyn Schofield	6	Ralph William Schofield	Hilda Edith Page
24	Springfield, Vt.	Michael James Reavis	1	James Douglas Reavis	Elizabeth Eleanor Kingsbury
4	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Brian Thomas Embair	4	George F. Embair	Joyce Anne Chartier
30	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Terry Michael Clark	2	Parker Oliver Clark	Marie Anne Liberty

Marriages Registered in the Town of Charlestown, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1954

Date	Name of Groom and Bride	Place of Marriage	Age	Residence of Each
Jan. 1	Zachee Hercule Brouillet Hazel Belle DeBrune	Charlestown, N. H.	56	Grand Ligne, Que.
22	Donald Francis Kinson Babara Ripley Lessels	Charlestown, N. H.	56 24	Charlestown, N. H. Charlestown, N. H.
30	Lloyd Herbert Hussey Mary Eva Benware	No. Springfield, Vt.	20 23	Charlestown, N. H. Charlestown, N. H.
Feb. 13	John Patrick Donnelly Rita Catherine Hebert	Charlestown, N. H.	18 25	Charlestown, N. H. Worcester, Mass.
14	Charles Harvey Bascom Lois Eva Grant	Alstead, N. H.	25 25	Worcester, Mass. So. Charlestown, N. H.
18	Henry Leon Farnsworth, Jr. Eldora Eva Nelson	Charlestown, N. H.	18 20	Alstead, N. H. Charlestown, N. H.
27	James Alan Chisholm Norma Irene Nichols	Charlestown, N. H.	15 46	Claremont, N. H. North Hampton, N. H.
Mar. 6	Clovis Richard Dupre Suzan Jane Pratt	West Claremont, N. H.	38 29	Concord, N. H. Charlestown, N. H.
9	Ronald Anthony Partridge Janet Thelma Davis	Springfield, Vt.	20 18	Claremont, N. H. Springfield, Vt.
Apr. 22	Richard Herbert Fullam Aldythe Mary Bamford	Charlestown, N. H.	18 34 42	Charlestown, N. H. Springfield, Vt. Springfield, Vt.

Date	Name of Groom and Bride	Place of Marriage	Age	Residence of Each
24	Robert Edward Fenoff	Charlestown, N. H.	24	Charlestown, N. H.
	Lillian Mae Brooks		20	Charlestown, N. H.
24	John Luke Blood	Charlestown, N. H.	24	Charlestown, N. H.
	Elizabeth Cornelia Stillson		20	Claremont, N. H.
25	Frank Alfred Finley	Meredith, N. H.	25	Charlestown, N. H.
	Marguerite Ann McGuigan		23	Meredith, N. H.
May 2	Ebenezer Orange Phelps	Charlestown, N. H.	21	Charlestown, N. H.
	Glen Ada Burney		20	Charlestown, N. H.
June 12	Francis Kingsley Dunn	No. Charlestown, N. H.	25	No. Charlestown, N. H.
	Shirley Martha Walker		23	No. Charlestown, N. H.
19	Carroll Morgan Cloud	Charlestown, N. H.	19	Charlestown, N. H.
	Mary Lee Jones		18	Charlestown, N. H.
26	Lynn Robert Bushey	Charlestown, N. H.	26	Acworth, N. H.
	Betty Sue Tester		18	Charlestown, N. H.
26	Franklin Clinton Walker	Claremont, N. H.	22	Charlestown, N. H.
	Patricia Ann Demers		17	Claremont, N. H.
29	Romaine Fred Bacon	Alstead, N. H.	23	Charlestown, N. H.
	Margaret Wright		20	Alstead, N. H.
July 10	Robert Lee Blodgett	So. Charlestown, N. H.	21	Charlestown, N. H.
	Barbara Jean Frohock		18	So. Charlestown, N. H.
17	Richard Kingsbury Huntley	Walpole, N. H.	29	So. Charlestown, N. H.
	Doris Mary Pare		21	Alstead, N. H.



Date	Name of Groom and Bride	Place of Marriage	Age	Residence of Each
27	Glendon George Washburn	Northfield, Mass.	38	Charlestown, N. H.
31	Mary Ruth Boardman Ormsby	Charlestown, N. H.	35	Charlestown, N. H.
	Neil Eugene Rice		22	Charlestown, N. H.
Aug. 14	Marilyn Ruth Kinson	Charlestown, N. H.	19	Charlestown, N. H.
	Craig Edward Falk		22	Meriden, Conn.
28	Dorothy Jane Sayce	Charlestown, N. H.	26	Charlestown, N. H.
	William Francis Horton		21	Charlestown, N. H.
Sept. 3	Sarah Jean Nelson	West Springfield, N. H.	21	Charlestown, N. H.
	Donald Edward Johnson		26	No. Charlestown, N. H.
	Lenora May Jarvis		23	Claremont, N. H.
4	Allyn McLean Bascom	Charlestown, N. H.	22	Acworth, N. H.
	Elizabeth Martha Frizzell		19	Charlestown, N. H.
12	Herbert Kaplow	Claremont, N. H.	31	Winthrop, Mass.
	Lois Ursel Ripley		23	Charlestown, N. H.
17	Gordon Edgar Adams	Claremont, N. H.	19	Charlestown, N. H.
	Elaine Wilda Lewis		18	Charlestown, N. H.
22	Alfred Alonzo Gibbs	Charlestown, N. H.	66	White River Junction, Vt.
	Florence Myrtle Woodard		57	White River Junction, Vt.
22	James Joseph Crowley	Charlestown, N. H.	23	Springfield, Mass.
	Helen Ann DesRoches		22	Charlestown, N. H.
25	Robert Allen Barber	Charlestown, N. H.	43	Charlestown, N. H.
	Natalie Carter		35	Charlestown, N. H.

Date	Name of Groom and Bride	Place of Marriage	Age	Residence of Each
Oct. 9	Fernand Pierre Beaudry Barbara Marie Scanlon	Bellows Falls, Vt.	21	Charlestown, N. H.
9	Maurice Frank Gould Lillian Heyer Waldo	Chester, Vt.	21 33	Bellows Falls, Vt.
16	Charles Matthew Rogers Joan May Sylvester	West Claremont, N. H.	46 23	Charlestown, N. H.
24	David Thomas Henry Katherine Mae Moore	Charlestown, N. H.	21 25	Claremont, N. H.
24	Alfred N. Welch Esther Fay Simpson	Charlestown, N. H.	26 25	Springfield, Vt.
Nov. 27	William Henry Belden Ruth Ann Olney	Charlestown, N. H.	22 61	Charlestown, N. H.
27	David Gene Bacon Johanna Marie Gibbs	White River Junction, Vt.	58 22	So. Charlestown, N. H.
Oct. 30	Harry Southwell Roberts Alice Allen Colefax	West Charlestown, Vt.	59 22	So. Charlestown, N. H.
Dec. 12	Roger LeRoy Schroeder Genevieve Priscilla Bashaw	Charlestown, N. H.	16 16	Springfield, Vt.
21	Aubrey William Aldridge Edith Cavell Roblee	Bennington, Vt.	35 37	Springfield, Vt.
31	Jonathan Floyd Hardy Agnes Cecile Keement	Keene, N. H.	40 30	Charlestown, N. H.
4	Robert Frank Adams Joyce Elaine Ranta	Walpole, N. H.	21 17	Charlestown, N. H.

## Deaths Registered in the Town of Charlestown, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1954

Date	Name of Deceased	Place of Death	Age	Birthplace
Jan. 10	Francis Williard Daniels	Claremont, N. H.	71	Vermont
23	George W. Wright	Charlestown, N. H.	83	New Hampshire
Mar. 1	Allen Wood	Concord, N. H.	88	New Hampshire
4	Frank Bundy	Concord, N. H.	84	Vermont
31	Nora Edna Cole	Charlestown, N. H.	76	Vermont
Apr. 2	Grace Robitille	Concord, N. H.	55	New Hampshire
11	Joseph Foshey	Hanover, N. H.	1 mo.	Vermont
21	Frederick H. Vogler	Charlestown, N. H.	77	Germany
May 3	Michael J. McCarthy	Charlestown, N. H.	81	Vermont
June 2	Dorothy Kennett	Claremont, N. H.	3	Vermont
17	Josephine Belezak	Claremont, N. H.	74	Poland
25	Etta L. Adams	Charlestown, N. H.	81	Vermont
26	Arthur Henry Sawyer	Charlestown, N. H.	65	New York
July 8	Philip Gaillardet	Goffstown, N. H.	70	New Hampshire
12	John Thomas Lyon	Charlestown, N. H.	59	Vermont
16	Robert W. Keneson	Claremont, N. H.	19	New Hampshire
21	William J. Hosking	Hanover, N. H.	65	Maine
25	Grace P. Titus	Unity, N. H.	77	England
Aug. 17	John Wesley Coolidge	Charlestown, N. H.	89	Massachusetts

Date	Name of Deceased	Place of Death	Age	Birthplace
Sept. 6	Charles Edward Hayes	Concord, N. H.	78	Connecticut
25	Nellie Frances Sanderson	Charlestown, N. H.	97	Vermont
Oct. 20	Carlene Hoskinson	Charlestown, N. H.	5	Vermont
20	Margaret Hoskinson	Charlestown, N. H.	34	Vermont
20	Robert C. Hoskinson	Charlestown, N. H.	41	New Hampshire
20	Walter Beezer Wood	Springfield, Vt.	78	New Hampshire
Nov. 21	Carrie Hall Moulton	Charlestown, N. H.	73	Vermont
Dec. 3	Frank Leroy Adams	Charlestown, N. H.	82	New Hampshire
Nov. 23	Angeline Pitman Nutter	Springfield, Vt.	95	Massachusetts
Dec. 17	William Rowe	Hanover, N. H.	81	Rhode Island
1	Edith Straw	Winchester, N. H.	79	New Hampshire
20	Mary Roberts	Hanover, N. H.	66	Vermont
20	Carolina Langeftka Piletz	Springfield, Vt.	66	Russia



